

Smithfield Quarterly Mtg
Minutes

12-1801 - 5-13-1847

EARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

page 44 / Line between Rhode
Island & Smithfield Quarf meeting
Established by Yearly meeting

page 31 Line between Smithfield
& Uxbridge

2^m 1812 page 113 Meeting house at Mendon
11^m 1818 2^m 172 agreed to be built
Bottom enlargement of house

page 41 Meeting house at Northbridge
47 2^m 172 don't pay for the N. house
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11.12.1801-5.13.1847

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield for the first time the 12th of 11th month 1801 in order to transact the weighty affairs of society that appertain to Smithfield Quarterly Meeting by the late division of Rhode Island Quarter which will more fully appear by the following extract from our last Yearly Meeting minutes & communicated to this through the channel of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. —

The Committee appointed last year made the following report, To the yearly Meeting to be held in the 6th month next. — We the committee appointed at the last yearly Meeting to consider of the division of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting have attended thereto & most of us visited most of the monthly Meetings in said Quarter together with the Quarterly Meeting and after endeavouring weightily to consider thereof it is our sense & judgment that advantage may arise from the following division, viz. that the monthly Meetings of Smithfield, Woburn, Bolton & Richmond be set off from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting & that they constitute one by the name of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, and that it be held as follows — viz. at Smithfield the 5th day before the 2nd sixth day in the second, fifth and eleventh months, & at Bolton the 5th day before the 3rd sixth day in the 8th month & that when said meetings are held at Smithfield there be no public meetings here there on that account. — And that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting heretofore held at Smithfield in the 10th month, be held at Providence at the same time it was

held at Smithfield & the other times of holding said Rhode-Island Quarter be at the same times & places as heretofore, Smithfield the 10th of 10th month 1800.

Signed on behalf of the Committee by John Bailey
Sarah Ellis

which is accepted & the division therein proposed, is adopted & it is concluded that the two Quarterly Meetings of Rhode-Island & Smithfield be held at the times & places therein proposed, & if it appears to them that any alteration either in time or place for holding them would be more agreeable they are requested to inform the yearly meeting thereof next year, & we appoint Cornelius Howland, Isaac Lawton & Eber Davis, Moses Brown & William Proctor junr to set with Friends at the opening of the new Quarterly Meeting. — And the accounts from the several monthly Meetings which constitute this Quarter being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Enoch Steere, Walter Allen, & Jabez Wing, for Wabridge Levi Lapham, Asa Smith & Paul Aldrich, for Richmond Israel Sabin & Paul Handy, for Proton John Fry & Calvin Gates who being called are all present, except Paul Handy.

Walter Allen is appointed Clerk for the day & Moses Sar-
num assistant Clerk for S. time.

The Queries & answers from the several monthly Meetings have been read together with the general answers from them composed, which after several judicious remarks & some alterations made are adopted as being measurably descriptive of this meetings state

M^{rs} 1st All our meetings for religious worship & discipline
duly attended & those on first days & for discipline by

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the greater part of Friends, midweek meetings not so fully attended, the hour mostly observed by those that do attend, sleepiness frequently appears in some at times some care taken; other inadequacies mostly clear.

1st Love & unity in some good degree maintained, tale-bearing &c. somewhat tho not enough discouraged, where differences have arisen, some care has been taken to end them.

12 Some care taken to deal with offenders & to place judgment according to discipline.

This meeting received the following minute from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting respecting the public appearance in the ministry of Thomas Watson, referd for the consideration of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. (Viz)

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth on & for Rhode Island the 13th of the 10th month 1851.

Bolton monthly meeting in their Elect. inform that they with the approbation of the Womens meeting have approved of the public appearances of Thos Watson in the ministry which being solidly considered by this meeting the same is referd for consideration.

The Clerk is directed to lay the a/c from Bolton, with this meetings minute thereon, before Smithfield Quarterly meeting next ensuing, it being now considered as the proper business of that meeting to dispose of the matter respecting the above recommendation. Extracted from the minutes of the aforesaid Quarterly Meeting by

Chas^r Brown Clk.

Which upon votes & deliberate consideration appears to be the sense & judgment of this meeting that the case may be again usefully referd for the consideration of

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next Quarter, which is refer'd accordingly.

Uxbridge monthly Meeting in their account inform that with the unity & concurrence of their ~~women's~~ meet, have appointed Asa Potter to the station of an Elder & which subject claiming the sole attention of Friends it appears with a degree of clearness to be best for this meeting, to refer the consideration thereof to another Quarter, which is accordingly refer'd untill that time.

Bolton monthly Meeting in their account propos for the consideration of this Meeting to hold their monthly Meetings in future on 4th day previous to the last of day in each month: which proposition this meeting acceded to & they directed to hold their meetings agreeably thereto

This meeting received the following Copy of the Com^{ts} report from Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting. (viz)

According to appointment, we have settled the Treasurers account, & audited all accounts that has been presented to us against the Quarterly Meeting: and find a balance of eighty-five Dollars & twenty two cents, due from the treasurer to the Quarterly Meeting, we have apportioned the yearly Meeting Stock of two hundred dollars, as follows. — Rhode-Island Quarter to raise one hundred & forty four Dollars Smithfield Quarter fifty six dollars — And divided the stock on hand as follows, Rhode-Island sixty one dollars thirty seven cents, Smithfield twenty three dollars eighty five cents

Providence 7th of 10th mo: 1801

Sam^l L. Huntington
Benjamin Dexter
Asa Potter
Benjamin Head
Jonathan Knowles
Chad Smith
Joseph Anthony

George Comstock, Thomas Holder, Richard Nowry, Chas Smith, Nathan Hartness, Walter Allen, Paul Aldrich, Asa Potter & Josiah Shove, are appointed to take into consideration the circumstance & situation of holding this Quarterly Meeting (as proposed by the yearly Meeting's Comtee) and report to next Quarter what alterations or additions in their judgment may be necessary to make to the meeting houses in order to answer the end in view, and also procure such accommodations as may for the present appear best at the expense of this meeting.

Josiah Shove is appointed treasurer for this meeting the year ensuing, & he directed to procure a book suitable for that purpose at this meeting's expense.

We have at this time received Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia, & New York, which have been read to our edification & comfort, accompanied with fresh desires that the many pertinent & well adapted advices & exhortations thereby communicated may be treasured up & improved upon to our advantage.

2nd mo. At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 11th of the 2nd mo: 1802. The accounts from the several monthly Meetings, being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Walter Allen, Chas Smith & Jeremiah Bollard, Weybridge Daniel Aldrich & Josiah Shove, Richmond Benj^a Dexter & Paul Hardy, Bolton Thomas Watton, Abel Houghton & Obadiah Wheeler &c. who being called are all present.

The Representatives inform that they have concluded for Moses Furmum to write for this meeting as Clerk the ensuing year & for Zadok Smith to serve as assistant.

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Clerk for said time which report being agreeable to this meeting they are appointed accordingly.

Paul Handy informed this meeting that the reason of his not attending at last Quarter was indisposition of body which was to satisfaction.

The subject of approving the public appearance in the ministry of Thomas Watson refer'd from last Quarter to this coming under consideration & after being weightily considered in this meeting do with the concurring unity of the womens meeting approve thereof Josiah Shove is appointed to inform the select Quarterly meeting thereof.

The subject of appointing Asa Potter to the Station of an Elder refer'd from last Quarter to this coming under consideration do with the unity of the womens meeting also approve of said appointment. Josiah Shove is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

The Comtee appointed at last Quarter to take into consideration the circumstance of holding this Quarterly Meeting not being ready to make a full report they are continued & desired to report to next Quarter.

Our proportion of the yearly Meeting stock being \$6 Dollars the Representatives apportioned the same as follows.

Smithfield	\$21	Richmond	\$0
Webbridge	-- 21	Bolton	-- 6

the Representatives also propose \$56 for the Quarterly meeting stock & that it be apportioned in the same manner as the yearly Meeting stock, it is concluded to raise that sum accordingly, the Clerk is directed to furnish each monthly meeting with an account of their proportion of the aforesaid sums.

The Queries and answers thereto from the several monthly meetings, were read in this meeting together with the summary composed therefrom which was agreed upon as being the present state of our meeting & is as follows. — — — — —

- Ans^r 1st All our meetings, for worship & discipline have been attended, those on first days by the greater part of Friends, midweek meetings mostly small, a slackness in a few in observing the hour, some appearance of sleeping in each meeting, some care taken, other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear.
- 2nd Love & unity in some good degree maintained amongst Friends, talebearing, backbiting & evil reports not enough discouraged, endeavours used to ~~the~~ end differences
- 3^d Care taken to deal with offenders & to place judgment somewhat agreeable to the Query. — — — — —

There being a Book purchased for recording the doings of this meeting which cost \$2.25 the Treasurer is directed to pay the same to Walter Allen. &c

In Extract

From the minutes of the yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island in 6th mo: 1801.

By the reports from the several Quarterly Meetings it appears, that the concern of this meeting relative to the establishment of schools under the care of monthly Meetings has claimed some attention in Friends minds, divers schools have been established under the care of Friends & a prospect of some others being opened; yet we are sorrowfully affected by the information that some instances have occurred, even where

Schools were established by monthly meetings, that some Friends have been so inattentive not only to the concern of the body on this subject; but we fear to the precious dictates of Truth in their own minds, as to send their children to public or other improper schools, where their tender minds are exposed to suffer loss. —

Under these impressions, we are concerned to exhort all in profession with us, deeply to consider the important duty we owe to our beloved offspring, whose minds it is incumbent upon us to watch over with all diligence that they be trained up in the nurture & admonition of the Lord; and we further desire that Friends may be encouraged not only to labour in the ability afforded in the spirit of brotherly affection & meekness to prevent such inadvertence in future but also with fervency & hope persevere in endeavours to affect the object of this meetings concern as far as our individual circumstances may allow & by no means admit the consideration that the sacrifices of those outward favors entrusted to our stewardship should be put in competition with the all important object of the present & eternal welfare of our beloved children, & each Quarterly Meeting is requested to report their progress therein next year.

5th mo:

At a Quarterly meeting of Friends held at & for Smithfield the 13th of the 5th month 1802. —
The accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented, the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Benjamin Bratty, John Mann & Enos Mowry Strbridge Asa Potter, Jesse Edley & Royal Southwick, Richmond Nathan Parkership & Samuel Fasset Boston Josiah Badcock & John (by who being called are all present. —

(1) The Queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto from the several monthly Meetings, from which general answers were compiled, & agreed upon as being the present state of our meeting & are as follows.

(Ans.ⁿ 1st) Meetings on first days mostly attended by the greater part of Friends, who mostly observe the hour without meetings not so well attended, some appearance of sleeping some care taken, not much other unbecoming behaviour.

2nd Love & unity in a good degree maintained amongst us tho' short of what is queried after, tale bearing &c. somewhat discouraged, care taken to end differences.

3rd There is a degree of care amongst us, to bring up our families as queried after, yet there is a falling short in some who are not so good examples themselves as truth requires, the scriptures frequently read audibly in Friends families.

A: Friends are mostly careful as to the use of, spirituous Liquors, & when any thing to the contrary has appeared some care has been taken, temperance observed in the other cases mentioned.

4th The circumstances of the poor inspected & they relieved their children freely partake of learning, one placed out from among friends, some care taken.

5th That Query mostly observed, except an instance or two of company keeping out of the order of Friends, some care taken.

6th Our testimony pretty well maintained in those respects except an instance of paying a training fine some care taken.

Q: We do not hear of much complaint except a shortness in making wills, public gifts duly applied.

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 9: Clear as far as we know. —

10: Friends are mostly careful in regard to deficiencies in their promises or paying their just debts, or launching into business beyond their ability to manage in the truth.

11: Mostly careful as to records one come from Providence monthly meeting to Uxbridge & one gone from Bolton monthly meeting to Providence without certificates, & one gone to East-Heosuck. —

12: Some care taken to deal with offenders, & to place judgment according to that Query. —

which we forward to the yearly Meeting together with the account by our Representatives who are William Buffum, Daniel Aldrich, Abel Houghton & James Smith, they are desired to report their attendance to next Quarter. —

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the circumstance of holding this Quarterly Meeting made report by which it appears that it was their judgment it might be best to hold the Quarterly Meeting (now held at Smithfield in the 5th month) at Leicester at the same time it was held at Smithfield, & that a public meeting be held there as usual preceeding the same which proposition is agreed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting for their concurrence & the comtee are continued to accomplish their appointment & report to next Quarter. —

Smithfield monthly meeting inform that they have forwarded their proportion of the yearly & Quarterly Meeting stock to the treasurers of their respective meetings.

Uxbridge & Richmond also inform that they have forwarded their proportion of the yearly & Quarterly Meeting stock to the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer. — Our Treasurer is directed to pay the remainder of our proportion of the yearly Meeting stock to the treasurer of that Meeting. —

A Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton for Smithfield the 19th of the Oth mo: 1862, the accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Leeches, Southwick, Zadek Smith & David & Henry Webridge & Aa Smith, Silas Earle & Josiah Thode, Richmond Israel Sabon & Reuben Randall, Bolton John Fry jr, David Southwick & Thomas Wadger who being called were all present.

The Queries were read in this meeting and answers thereto from the several monthly Meetings from which summary answers were compiled & agreed upon as being the present state of our meeting gave as follows.

- 1st All Meetings are attended & mostly by the greater part of Friends, except midweek meetings which are frequently small, most Friends are careful to observe the hour, some appearance of sleeping, other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear, some care taken.
- 2nd Love & unity appears to be in a degree maintained amongst us, altho short of what is queried after, forbearing &c. somewhat discouraged, care appears to be taken to end differences.
- 12th There appears to be a good degree of care amongst Friends to deal with offenders & to place judgment.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended & produced the extracts from D. Meetings minutes which are as follows.

The Quarterly Meeting of Smithfield having proposed that their meeting in the 5th month be held at Leicester instead of Smithfield. It is decided to, & it is concluded accordingly to be held at Leicester on

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the 5th day before the 2nd in the 5th month.

(Ask of the Quarterly Meetings in their account inform, that some progress has been made in regard to establishing schools agreeable to the recommendation of this Meeting; the unabated diligence & attention of Friends is earnestly & affectionately recommended to this desirable object of the important & guarded education of our youth, that the same may be carried still further into effect agreeable to our discipline & the advice of this meeting last year.

The yearly Meeting have concluded to raise \$500
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting is requested to forward to our treasurer \$50 their proportion of this years stock and an account thereof to our next yearly Meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting
held on Rhode-Island in the 6th mo; 1802.

by Obadiah Davis Clerk

and the Clerk is directed to furnish each monthly Meeting with a copy thereof, and an apportionment of the yearly Meeting stock, agreeable to the apportionment of last year & each monthly meeting is desired to forward the same to our treasurer & an account thereof to next Quarter.

Received transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia & New York which were read in this Meeting to our edification & comfort.

The Comtee to take into consideration the circumstance of holding this Quarterly Meeting not being ^{able} to make a full report they are continued to accomplish their appointment & report to next Quarter.

Boston monthly Meeting inform they have forwarded their proportion of the yearly Meeting stock to our Treasurer.

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11^{mo} At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at and for Smithfield the 11th of the 11th month 1802, the accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Benedict Remington Howland Nathbun & Chas Smith, Wabridge Daniel Adrich Joseph Bassett & Richard Mowry Richmond William Bassett & Enoch Southwick Boston Thomas Hotder & Josiah Badcock & James N. Fry who being called are all present.

The Queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto from the several monthly Meetings from which summary answers were composed & agreed upon as being the present state of our meeting & are as follows.

(1st) 1st Meetings all duly attended & mostly by the greater part of Friends, except some midweek meetings which are small, the hour is generally observed, some appearance of sleeping or other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear.

2nd It appears that a degree of love & unity is maintained, tale-bearing &c. somewhat discouraged & where differences have appeared care has been taken to end them.

12 Some good degree of care has been taken to deal with offenders but not always so reasonable as would have been best judgment has been placed somewhat agreeable to this query

The Committee to take into consideration the circumstances of holding this Quarterly Meeting &c. report they

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have set up a stove at Smithfield Meeting house
the expense of which is \$29⁷⁵ which stove is considered
the Quarterly Meeting's property, our treasurer is directed
to pay the same to the Comtee & they are continued to
make the necessary alterations or additions to Leinster
Meeting house in order for holding our Quarter there
& report to next Quarter. ---

The monthly meetings are desired to forward their pro-
portion of the yearly Meeting's stock to our treasurer & an
account thereof to next Quarter. ---

Prowland Mathew, George Comstock, & H. A. Smith
are appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, propose a
sum to be raised for our Quarterly Meeting stock &
consider who may be suitable for a treasurer the year
ensuing & report to next Quarter.

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2nd mo; A Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at & for
Smithfield the 20th of 2nd month 1003, The accounts
from the several monthly Meetings being presented the
Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Ben-
edick Remington Jesse Batty & John Mann Uxbridge
Silas Earle, H. A. Smith, & Paul Aldrich, Richmond Benj-
Leister & Paul Handy, Bolton Abel Houghton, Thomas
Watson & John Fry Jr. who being called are all present ex-
cept Abel Houghton & John Fry Jr. who are absent on account
of sickness in their families. ---

The Queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto
from the several monthly Meetings, from which the fol-
lowing answers were compiled and adopted as being descrip-
tive of the present state of our meeting. ---

Mrs. All meetings attended by most of Friends except
midweek meetings, some of which are small the hour
generally observed by those that do attend, some give way
to sloppiness some care taken of other unbecoming behavior
mostly clear. ---

Ans^d 2nd A Degree of Love & unity maintained amongst us talle bearing &c. not enough discourag^d. care generally taken to end differences when they have arisen. —

12 There is a concern & care amongst us to deal with offenders, though not always so reasonable as might be best, judgment generally placed when it has appeared necessary. Richmond monthly meeting in their account inform that they have with the approbation of the womens meeting approved of the public appearance in the ministry of Mary Southwick, which being considered in this meeting think best to refer the further consideration thereof to next Quarter.

The Comtee continued from last Quarter to make the necessary accomodations at Leicester Meeting house in order for holding our Quarter there informed they have attended to their appointment & are of opinion that it is not expedient to make any addition or alteration to that meeting house at present & V. comtee are dismissed.

The womens meeting informed this, that in their account from Bolton, they were informed that, that meeting had approved the public appearance in the ministry of Lydia Fry, & that their meeting had united with Bolton therein after a time of conference on the matter, we think best to refer the same, for the consideration of next Quarter.

The Comtee to settle the treasurers accounts &c. made report which is accepted & is as follows.

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting next to be held at Smithfield 2 mo. 10th 1803. —

Agreable to appointment we of the Comtee have settled the treasurers accounts & find a balance in his hands of three Dollars & twenty seven Cents & we propose the sum of \$50 for the Quarterly meetings stock for the year ensuing & Josiah Shove for treasurer.

Asa Smith
Rowland Mathews

& the Representatives are directed to apportion the Quarterly Meeting stock to each monthly meeting & Josiah Shaw is appointed treasurer accordingly for the year ensuing.

The monthly meetings are desired to forward their proportion of the yearly meeting's stock to our treasurer & an account thereof to next Quarter.

The present Representatives are directed to consider who may be suitable for Clerk & Assistant the year ensuing, consult the persons on the subject & report to next Quarter.

5th Dec. A Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Lincoln for Smithfield the 12th & 13th mo: 1803.

The accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for viz. David Atwood, William Buffum & George Shilling. Habridge, Asa Smith, Daniel Willrich & James March. Richmond James Brown & Nathan Harkeress, Bolton John Joseph Abel Shaghten & Thomas Watson who being called have all present except James Browder.

The Representatives to last Quarter propose that Messrs. Brown & Asa Smith be Clerk & Assistant for the year ensuing they are appointed accordingly.

The Business was read in this meeting & answers thereto from the several monthly Meetings from which general answers were received. I agree upon as being the present state of our meeting and are as follows.

1st All our meetings for religious worship & discipline daily attended the hour generally observed. Singing appears in a few at times of other unbecoming behavior dear as far as appears.

2nd Love & unity are maintained in some measure among us as queried after, telephoning &c. we fear our income

discouraged by all some care taken, where any difference in
care is taken to end them

3 Friends are mostly careful to bring up their children
in plainness of speech & behaviour & apparel to restrain
from reading bad books & corrupt conversation. mostly
young examples herein thms long the holy scriptures frequen-
tly read audibly in their families. —

4 Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors
except for medicine or the like

Ansⁿ 1st All meetings attended, those on first days by the greater
part of Friends, midweek meetings are sometimes small
the hour pretty well observed, some appearance of sleeping some
care taken, of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear. —

2nd Love & unity in some good degree maintained false bearing &c
somewhat discouraged, some care taken to end differences. —

3 Friends are generally somewhat careful on those accounts &
mostly pretty good examples, though not without exceptions, the
scriptures are read in Friends families, though we fear
not so frequently as would be best. —

4 We believe our testimony is generally pretty well maintained
on those accounts, except an instance or two in one monthly
meeting of using spirituous liquors to excess, care taken.

5th We believe the necessary care is extended toward the poor
two placed out from amongst friends, care taken.

6th Parents & Guardians mostly careful on those accounts,
some of the young & unmarries not so careful as desired. —

7 We believe our testimony on those accounts is pretty well
maintained, except a few instances of attending train-
ings, as spectators, care taken. —

8th We fear Friends are not in general so careful in those
respects as would be best public gifts &c duly applied

9 Our testimony is maintained against slavery. —

10th Mostly careful on those ^{accounts} as far as we know. —

11th Mostly careful as to recording, none come or gone without
certificates that we know of

12th There is a care amongst us to deal with offenders & to
place judgment somewhat agreeable to this Query. —

We forward the same to the yearly meeting together with the account by our Representatives who are Josiah Thove, Thomas Watton, Daniel Aldrich, Benjamin Dexter & Chad Smith who are directed to report their attendance to next Quarter. —

The subject of approving the public appearance in the ministry of Mary Southwick referred from last Quarter to this, being solemnly considered in this meeting & with the unity of the womens meeting, do approve thereof & forward the same to the yearly meeting. —

The Subject of approving the public appearance in the ministry of Lydia Fry coming before this meeting & after a time of consideration thereon with the unity of the womens meeting, we approve thereof & forward the same to the yearly meeting. —

Uxbridge monthly meeting in their account inform that they with the concurrence of their womens meeting have approved the public appearance in the ministry of Isa Smith, after a time of consideration thereon this meeting with the unity of the womens meeting approve thereof, we forward the same to the yearly meeting John Fry is appointed to inform the select Quarterly meeting of the foregoing recommendations. —

Bolton monthly meeting in their account inform they have with the unity of their womens meeting appointed Lydia Yates to the station of an Elder this meeting with concurrence of the womens meeting unite therewith & forward the same to the yearly meeting. John Fry is appointed to inform the select Quarterly meeting thereof. —

Smithfield & Richmond monthly meetings inform they have forwarded their proportion of the Yearly & Quarterly meetings stock to our treasurer. —

Uxbridge & Bolton inform they have forwarded their proportion of the yearly meeting stock to our treasurer they are desired also to forward their Quarterly meeting stock & an account thereof to next Quarter. —

Our treasurer is directed to pay the Yearly meetings treasurer our proportion of s^d meetings stock. —

The Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton
per Smithfield the 10th & 11th month 1813.

The accounts from the several monthly Meetings
being presented to the Representatives, their names are
Dr Smithfield Jesse Batty, Jonathan & Henry J. Paul
Smith, H. bridge, Eliza Arnold, the Pater & John
Cddy, Richmond Israel Vahen & William B. Smith Bolton
Jonathan Fry, Josiah Beddoe & Abel Houghton
who being called are all present.

The Queries & answers from each monthly Meeting
have been read at this time & the following summary
is agreed to: —

Q¹ All meetings are attended, yet some are small
especially in the middle of the week, the hour gen-
erally observed by those who do attend. Sleeping is
apparent in a few at times, not much other un-
becoming behaviour than in some care taken.

Q² Love & unity are in a good degree maintained among
us tale bearing &c. we fear not enough discouraged
when differences have arisen, care has been taken
to settle them.

Q³ There is a case rests on Friends minds to deal
with offenders, & to place judgment agreeable
to discipline.

The Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they
all attended & produce the extracts from the meetings min-
utes which are as follows.

The Committee appointed to consider some of the Queries
recommend that the following be adopted instead of the
2nd 3rd & 4th Queries which is agreed to, & those alterations
are directed to be inserted in all our Books of discipline &
separate Queries:

Query 2nd Is love & unity maintained amongst you? Is disci-
pline guarded against? & where any differences arise are en-
deavours used speedily to end them?
Are the friends careful to bring up those under their direc-
tion in plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel? To
restrain them from reading pernicious Books & the
corrupt conversation of the world? Are they good examples
themselves? Are the Holy scriptures frequently read
in their families? —

Our Friends careful frequently to inspect their affairs & settle their accounts whilst in health? Are public gifts & legacies applied to the use intended by the donor?

The Yearly Meeting having concluded to raise \$500 the ensuing year, Smithfield Quarterly Meeting is requested to forward \$50 their proportion to our treasurer and an account thereof to our next yearly Meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of our yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island by adjournments from 13th to the 15th of 6th month 1803 by Obadiah Davis Clerk,

Our Representatives are directed to furnish each monthly Meeting with a copy of the above Extracts the money & agree to be raised agreeable to the apportionment of last year, which the Representatives are desired to inform their respective monthly meetings of ^{if meetings are desired to forward the same to our Yearly} and an account thereof to next Quarterly

Wabridge monthly Meeting in their account inform they have forwarded their proportion of quarterly meeting stock to our treasurer. Bolton is desired to forward theirs & an account thereof to next Quarter.

Rec^d the Epistle from the yearly meeting in London together with an account from the meeting for sufferings held in London of the reception & distribution of Friends' donation for the relief of the distressed in that nation which were read in this meeting to ^{our} satisfaction & comfort.

Also rec^d trans^d Epistles from the yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & New York the reading of which is referred to next Quarter.

11^{mo} A Quarterly meeting of Friends held at & for Smithfield the 10th of 11th mo. 1803.

The accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Walter Allen Jesse Batty & Jonathan Nowory, Wabridge Elysha Arnolds, Levi Lapham & Paul Aldrich, Richmond Reuben Randall & Paul Handy, Bolton Calvin Gates Jonathan Fry & Abel Houghton who being called are all present.

Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly meetings of Philadelphia & New York were read in this meeting to our edification & comfort.

The Queries were read in this meeting & answers therefrom from each monthly meeting, from which the following Summary is adopted as being a description of our present state.

- 1st All meetings for worship & discipline duly attended & most of them by the greater part of friends, except some midweek meetings which are small the hour generally pretty well observed, some appearance of sleeping in all our meetings, some care taken, other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear.
- 2nd Love & unity in a good degree maintained & detraction consequently somewhat guarded against, - not quite clear of differences, of which some care is taken
- 3rd Care generally taken to deal with offenders and judgment placed when found necessary agreeably to discipline.

Botton monthly meeting in their account inform they have forwarded their proportion of Quarterly meeting stock to our treasurer.

The several monthly meetings are desired to forward their proportion of yearly meeting stock to our treasurer & an account thereof to next Quarter.

William Buffum, John Fry, Soldier Pope, Marmaduke Earle, William Bassett & George Cinstock are appointed to consider of & propose boundary lines, between Uxbridge, Botton & Richmond monthly meetings, & such other lines as may appear necessary between any monthly meetings belonging to this Quarter & report to next Quarter.

Our beloved Friend Mary Mitchell attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Nantasket monthly meeting for the Northern district dated 4 months 27th 1803 whose company & labour of love was acceptable to us.

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1^{mo} A Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at S for
Smithfield the 9th of 2nd month 1064. The accounts from
the several monthly Meetings being presented the Represent-
atives therein named are for Smithfield Benedict Thom-
ington, Samuel Smith & William Buffum, Wexbridge
David Greene & Bernard Fowler, Richmond William
Bassett & Levi Nowry, Bolton Thomas Holder, David
Southwick & James T. Fry who being called are all present.
The Inquiries were read in this meeting and answers thereto
from the several monthly Meetings from which the follow-
ing summary was compil'd, & agreed upon as being the
present state of our meeting

1st All meetings for religious worship & discipline duly
attended, & those on first days by the greater part of Friends
midweek meetings smaller, the hour pretty well observed
by those that steadily attend, some appearance of sleeping
not much other unbecoming behaviour observed in our
meetings.

2nd We believe there is a good degree of love & unity main-
tained amongst us, & detraction mostly guarded against
care taken to end differences.

3rd A good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders
as queried after, & judgment placed when necessary
agreeable to discipline, yet we believe more care is
needed.

Four of the Comtee appointed at last Quarter to consider
of & propose boundary lines between the monthly meet-
ings belonging to this Quarter made the following report.

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.

Agreeable to appointment we have considered of a line
between Wexbridge & Richmond monthly Meetings
& are of opinion that beginning at Shrewsbury line on
the Turnpike Road & following S. Road through Worces-
ter, Holden, Rutland & Hardwick, & from thence by the
greatest road to Belcher town & so on to Connecticut River
will be the best dividing line at present; and between
Wexbridge & Bolton at the same place on Shrewsbury line

to extend to Grafton Meeting house, from thence on the
great road to Westborough Meeting house, & from thence
the greatest road to the verge of Salem Quarterly Meeting.

George Comstock
Wm. Buffum
Nathl. Egle
Solger Pope

If no objection appearing in this meeting P. report is ac-
-cepted & the lines therein propos^d are adopted, and the
Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to Uxbridge,
Richmond & Bolton monthly Meetings.

Uxbridge monthly Meeting in their account inform
they have directed their Treasurer to pay out, their
their proportion of the Yearly Meeting stock, the
other monthly Meetings, and desired to forward
theirs to our treasurer & an amount thereof to next
Quarter.

The time for which the treasurer was appointed being
lapsed Asa Smith, David Mowry & Elepha Smith
are appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts propose
a sum for our Quarterly Meeting stock & some friends
that may be suitable for a treasurer the year ensuing
& report to next Quarter.

5th mo: The Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Lucceter for Smithfield the 10th of 5th mo: 1804.

The accounts from the several monthly Meetings, being
presented, the Representatives therein named are for
Smithfield, Jabez Wing, Samuel Smith, & David Mowry
Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich & Asa Smith, Richmond
Israel Saben & Benjamin Dexter, Bolton Thomas Watson
Jonathan Fry & Abel Houghton, who being called are
all present.

The Queries were read in this meeting & answers
thereto from the several monthly Meetings from
which general answers were compil^d, & are as
follows.

- 1st All our meetings have been attended (except one) mostly by the greatest part of Friends, a few excused in time of difficult travelling which were not so fully attended, the hour generally observed, some appearance of sleeping, some care taken, other unbecoming behaviour, mostly clear.
- 2nd Love & unity incommurably maintained, & detraction mostly guarded against, & where differences have arisen some care has been taken.
- 3rd Friends are not so careful as would be best in bringing up those under their care in plainness &c. some what careful to restrain them from reading bad Books. H. mostly exemplary themselves, the holy scriptures frequently read in friends families.
- 4th There appears to be several instances wherein spirituous liquors has been used to excess and some unnce prae frequenting places of public resort, some care taken the other part clear.
- 5th The circumstances of the poor inspected, and relief afforded, their children partake of learning, two Lads placed from among Friends, some care taken.
- 6th Friends are mostly careful in these respects & where any thing to the contrary has appeared, care has been taken.
- 7th We know not but our testimony has been maintained agreeable to the requirements of this query.
- 8th Friends are mostly careful as it respects this query gifts and legacies duly applied.
- 9th Clear as far as appears.
- 10th Friends are mostly careful in those respects tho not without exceptions, some care taken.
- 11th There appears to be a shortness in our records, some instances of removals without certificates, some care taken.
- 12th Some care taken to deal with offenders & to place judgment agreeable to discipline.

We direct the same to be forwarded to the yearly Meeting together with the amount by our Representatives who are John Fry Wm Buffum Daniel Aldrich & Israel Saben they are desired to report their attendance to next Quarterly Meeting.

Smithfield in their amount inform they have forwarded their proportion of the yearly & Quarterly Meeting stock to our treasurer.

Richmond & Bolton also inform they have forwarded their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock.

Our treasurer is directed to pay the yearly Meeting treasurer our proportion of S. meeting stock being \$30.

The Comtee appointed at last Quarter to settle the treasurers accounts, made the following report

To the next Quarterly Meeting.

We have made a settlement with the treasurer and find a balance in his hands of \$14⁰⁰ 31 Cts.

We propose the sum of \$50 to be raised for the year ensuing and also propose Josiah Shove to be reappointed treasurer. 20th of 2nd month 1804

David Mowry
Jsa Smith
Elisha Arnold

which is accepted & Josiah Shove reappointed treasurer accordingly for the year ensuing. The monthly meetings are directed to forward their several proportions thereof to our treasurer agreeable to the apportionment of last year which is Smithfield \$10⁰⁰ 75 Cts. Wabridge \$10⁰⁰ 75 Cts. Richmond \$7⁰⁰ 34 Bolton \$5⁰⁰ 16 Cts. and also forward an amount thereof to next Quarter.

The time for which the Clerk & assistant were appointed being elapsed, the present Representatives are directed to consider of & propose to next Quarter who may be suitable therefor.

Q m:

A Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton for Smithfield the 14th of Q m: 1784.

The accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented, the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Jonathan Nowry, Rowland Prattin, & Benjamin Price, for Wabridge Caleb Wall, Josiah Shaw & Jesse Eddy, for Pulchmond Deuben Randall, Samuel Gage & Peleg Just, Bolton Abel Houghton, David Southwick and Thomas Watson who being called are all present.

The Representatives to last Quarter propose that Hops & Ladd Smith serve as Clerk & Ladd Smith as assistant for the year ensuing, they are appointed accordingly.

The Queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto from the several monthly Meetings from which general answers were compiled, & are as follows.

- Ans.ⁿ 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline attended by the greater part of Friends except midweek meetings, which are not so fully attended, the hour mostly observed by those that do attend, some appearance of sleeping, some care taken, of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear.
- 2nd Love & unity appears to be measurably maintained amongst us, detraction is in a good degree guarded against, when differences have appeared, some care has been taken to end them.
- 12th A good degree of care taken to deal with offenders as queried after & judgment placed accordingly.

The Representatives to the yearly Meeting report they all attended & produced the following extracts from P. Meetings minutes.

The Comtee to take into consideration the general state of society, having considered the subject of revising the queries, have submitted to this meeting, as their judgment, that the introductory recommendation usually read preceeding the queries, may safely be omitted in future, unless circumstances rendered it necessary. And that women Friends in their meetings, need not read or answer, that part of the seventh query, respecting the payment of Priests wages, bearing of arms, training or other military matters. And that the following be substituted for the ninth query. (viz).

Are Friends careful to maintain our testimony faithfully against slavery?

Which after deliberate consideration is adopted, & those alterations are directed to be inserted in all our books of discipline.

This meeting hath concluded to raise \$500 the ensuing year, the Quarterly Meeting of Smithfield is directed to forward to this Meeting's treasurer \$50 and an amount thereof to this meeting next year. —

Extracted from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 7th to the 13th of 6 month inclusive 1864.

by Obadiah Davis Clerk

Our Representatives are directed to forward copies of the same to their respective monthly Meetings & also apportion the sum of \$50 to each monthly Meeting agreeable to the apportionment of last year. P. meetings are directed to forward the same to our Treasurer & an amount thereof to next Quarter.

Uxbridge monthly Meeting with the concurrence of Smithfield propose the following alterations in the boundary lines between their meeting & Smithfield, (viz)

From Joshua Buffum's northward as heretofore and from Joshua to George Inman, George to belong to Uxbridge, thence to Rebecca Walling's, thence to Trusford Aldrich's; thence to George Browns; thence west to Connecticut line. Which after consideration thereon is acceded to, & the Clerk is directed to furnish the abovesaid Meetings each with a copy of this minute.

Our Friend Asa Smith laid before this Meeting a concern, with a certificate from Uxbridge monthly Meeting to make a religious visit to Friends of the northern part of New York yearly Meeting, & a concurring endorsement was made on the certificate in this Meeting & signed by the Clerk.

Recd. Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of London, Philadelphia & New York, that from London was read to satisfaction, we refer the reading of the others untill next Quarter.

th 11 mo: A Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at & for Smithfield the 0th of 11th month 1804.

The amounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Benjamin Batty, Jabez Wing & Enoch Sprague, Uxbridge Josiah Shove & Obadiah Wheeler, Richmond William Bassett & Paul Handy, Bolton Abel Houghton, Stephen S. Southwick & John Fry who being called are all present.

Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly Meeting of Philadelphia & New York, were read in this meeting to satisfaction.

The Queries were read in this Meeting & answers thereto from the several monthly Meetings from which

the following answers were adopted as a description of our present state. —

Ans: 1st All our Meetings for religious worship & discipline duly attended, midweek meetings sometimes small, the hour mostly observed by those who do attend, some appearance of sleep at times, no other unbecoming behavior therein that we know of. —

2nd Love & unity in a good degree maintained among us, detraction generally guarded against, when differences have arisen care is taken to end them. —

3rd A good degree of care taken to deal with offenders & to place judgment accordingly. —

Boston monthly Meeting in their account inform that they have united with the select meeting in approving the public appearance in the ministry of Abel Thorton, after a time of solid consideration thereon, this meeting refers the subject untill next Quarter. —

Wabridge monthly Meeting inform they have forwarded to our treasurer \$10.75 Lts. their proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock, they are desired to forward their proportion of yearly Meeting stock, as also the other monthly Meetings their several proportions of Yearly & Quarterly Meetings stock to our treasurer & an amount thereof to next Quarter. —

This Meeting recd. a number of subscription papers from the meeting for sufferings, recommending a subscription in addition to the yearly Meeting School Fund which Papers were distributed to each monthly Meeting & they are directed to pay the necessary attention thereto. —

2nd mo: At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at 18 per Smithfield the 7th of 2nd month 1805.

The accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are

for Smithfield David Nowry, Chad Smith, & Caleb Paine, Wabridge Asa Smith & Joseph Bassett, Richmond Israel Laben & Paul Handy, Bolton Thomas Holder, Jonathan Fry & David Southwick who being called are all present except Paul Handy.

Rec^d a transcript of an Epistle from our worthy Friend George Churchman, which was read in this meeting to our edification & comfort, Chad Smith & Moses Thornton are appointed to transcribe the same & forward copies thereof to each monthly Meeting belonging to this Quarter.

The Queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto from the several monthly Meetings from which the following summary was agreed upon as being the present state of our Meeting.

- 1st All our Meetings have been attended, & most of them by the greater part of Friends, except one preparative Meeting not attended by reason of the inclemency of weather. The hour mostly observed, some appearance of sleep at times, mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour.
- 2nd Love & unity in a good degree maintained in all our Meetings, detraction mostly guarded against, & where differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them.
- 3rd There appears a concern amongst us for regular dealing with offenders, likewise for placing judgment according to discipline.

The subject of approving the public appearance in the ministry of Abel Houghton coming again before this Meeting & after being solidly considered we do with the unity of the women's Meeting approve thereof Jonathan Nowry is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

Uxbridge in their account inform they have forwarded to our treasurer \$10⁰⁰ 75 Cts. their proportion of yearly Meeting stock. —

Smithfield also inform they have forwarded their proportion of yearly & Quarterly Meeting stock.

Richmond & Bolton inform they have forwarded their several proportions of Quarterly Meeting stock, they are desirous to forward their yearly Meeting stock to our treasurer & an amount thereof to next Quarter. —

Smithfield in their account propose for the consideration of this Meeting, whether it might not be best to build a Meeting house at Foxborough or Mansfield whereupon we appoint Josiah Shove, Chad Smith, Asa Smith, Israel Saben & Thomas Holder to take the matter into consideration, make a visit to the Meeting held there & report to next Quarter what in their judgment may be best to be done in that matter as to the place where, size &c.

Also, From the Meeting for sufferings a large number of London printed Epistles, one of which was read to satisfaction, which Epistles were distributed to the several monthly Meetings. —

5th mo. At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Leicester for Smithfield the 9th of 5th month 1805. —

The accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Ezekiel Sayles William Buffum & Daniel Smith, Uxbridge Elisha Arnold, Jesse Eddy & Caleb Wall Richmond Israel Saben & Benjamin Dexter, Bolton Abel Houghton, Thomas Watson & Thomas Holder, who being called are all present. —

The Queries were read in this Meeting & answers thereto from the several monthly Meetings, from which general answers were compiled, & are as follows,

- 1st All meetings for worship & discipline attended, & generally by the most of Friends, the hour mostly observed, some appearance of sleeping at times, some care taken of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear.
- 2nd Love & unity in a good degree maintained, detraction mostly guarded against, care taken to end differences when they have appeared.
- 3rd Most Friends appear careful to bring up, restrain & example those under their care according to that Query, the scriptures frequently read in Friends families.
- 4th Friends mostly careful as to spirituous liquors, also in frequenting places of public resort, a few instances excepted in each, some care taken, the other part pretty well observed.
- 5th Pretty good care taken of the poor, none placed out that we know of.
- 6th Careful in those respects, except in a few instances of company keeping, some care taken.
- 7th Clear except an instance or two of attending a training care taken.
- 8th Friends generally carefull to inspect their affairs & settle their accounts, tho not without exception, public gifts duly applied.
- 9th Our testimony maintained.
- 10th Friends generally careful to perform their promises & not much cause of complaint in the other part, when any cause has appeared, care hath been taken.
- 11th Mostly careful as to records, a few instances of removal without certificates, some care taken.
- 12th A good degree of care remains amongst us to deal with offenders & to place judgment when necessary.

we direct the same to be sent to the yearly Meeting together with the amount by our Representatives, who are Elipha Thornton, Richard Nowby, William Buffum, Abel Houghton & Israel Saben, they are directed to report their attendance to next Quarter.

Our treasurer is directed to pay the yearly Meeting's treasurer our proportion of yearly Meeting's stock.

The Comtee appointed at last Quarter upon the matter of building a meeting house at Foxborough or Mansfield inform that they have paid some attention thereto; but it being doubtful whether the places proposed for building a house are within the limits of this Quarter, they are continued to ascertain the boundaries, & if within our limits, to fulfill their appointment & report to next Quarter.

Richmond & Bolton in their accounts inform they have forwarded their proportion of yearly Meeting's stock to our treasurer.

Elipha Arnold, Asa Smith & Chad Smith are appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts & propose who may be suitable for treasurer, & what sum may be necessary to raise for our Quarterly meeting stock the year ensuing, & report to next Quarter.

Omo: A Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton for Smithfield the 15th of 8th month 1805. The accounts from the several monthly meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Chad Smith, Zachary Southwick & Jonathan Nowry, Uxbridge Asa Potter, Bernard Fowler, & Nathaniel Adrick. Richmond Israel Saben, & Reuben Standall Bolton James V. Fry, Abel Houghton & Stephen S. Southwick who being called are all present.

The Queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto from the several monthly Meetings, from which the following answers were compiled, and agreed upon as being descriptive of our present state, see page 30th

The Representatives to the yearly Meeting report they all attended (except Israel Saben who informed this meeting that his nonattendance was occasioned by being indisposed as to bodily health) who produced the following extract from S. Meeting minutes, — This meeting hath concluded to raise

\$600 for the ensuing year, Smithfield Quarterly Meeting is desired to forward \$60 to our Treasurer & undamont thereof to our next yearly Meeting

Extracted from the minutes of our yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island by adjournments in the 6th month 1805, by Obadiah Davis Clerk

Also Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore & North Carolina, those from London & Philadelphia were read in this meeting to our satisfaction, we refer the reading of the others untill next Quarter. —

The Comtee continued from last Quarter to ascertain boundary lines in consequence of a proposal of building a meeting house at Foxborough or Mansfield report that the place proposed for building is not within the limits of this meeting, therefore we think best to appoint a Comtee to lay the circumstance before Rhode Island Quarter & consult them on the subject, as the place appear to be within the limits of that meeting, Asa Smith, Zadok Smith, Zacharias Southwick & Richard Nowry are appointed for that purpose & are desired to report to next Quarter.

The Comtee appointed at last Quarter to settle the Treasurers accounts &c. made the following report

We of the Comtee to settle with the Quarterly Meeting
treasurer, have settled his accounts & found due to him
three dollars & sixty six cents. We propose seventy five
dollars to be raised for the ensuing year.

To Josiah Shove for Treasurer.

13th of 7th month 1805

Elisba Arnold
Chad Smith

which is accepted, & Josiah Shove reappointed treasurer
accordingly, we apportion the same as follows Smithfield
\$27, Wobridge \$27, Richmond \$12, Bolton \$9 we
apportion \$60 our proportion of yearly meeting stock in
the same manner, our Representatives are directed to lay the
same before their particular monthly meetings, who are
directed to forward the money to our treasurer & an account
thereof to next Quarter.

* Inf^{ty} 1st (All our meetings for religious worship & disci-
pline attended, those on first days by the greater part
of Friends, midweek meetings frequently small, the
hour generally observed, sleeping appears in some at times,
some care taken, not much other unbecoming behaviour
therein)

Love & unity in a good degree maintained as queried
detraction generally guarded against no differences
among us.

12 There is a case among us to deal with offenders &
to please judgment agreeable to that query.

Our Friend Daniel Matrik laid before this meeting
a concern with a Certificate from Wobridge monthly
to make a religious visit to Friends of Easton Quarterly
Meeting & some parts adjacent, a concurring endorsement
was made on a Certificate in this Meeting & signed by
the Clerk, Richard Thwory & Josiah Shove are appointed
to take the necessary care as to his being furnished
with a suitable companion &c.

The time for which the Clerk & Assistant were appointed being expired, our present Representatives are directed to consider of & propose some persons who may be suitable therefor to our next Quarter.

11th mo: A Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at & for Smithfield the 7th of 11th month 1005. The accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Laurens Southwick, Chas Smith & Watter Allen, Wobridge Joseph Bassett Samuel Aldrich J^r & J^r Lotter, Richmond Henry Twitchel, W^m Bassett & Silas Boyce, Bolton Abel Houghton & David Southwick who being called are all present except W^m Bassett, who forwarded a satisfactory reason for his absence.

The Representatives to last Quarter propose that Moses Harnum serve as Clerk & Zedek Smith as justant, they are appointed to that place accordingly for the year ensuing.

The Queries were read in this Meeting & answers thereto from all our monthly Meetings, from which the following answers were adopted as a description of our present State

Ansⁿ 1st All meetings have been attended, and on first days by the greater part of Friends, midweek Meetings frequently small, the hour pretty well observed, some appearance of sleeping in each meeting, other unbecoming behaviour mostly cleared.

2nd There appears to be a good degree of love & unity maintained, Detraction somewhat though not enough guarded against, some differences, some care taken.

12 There appears to be a good degree of care to deal with offenders as Queries after, & to place judgment accordingly.

The Comtee directed at last Quarter, to lay the circumstance of boundary lines (which originated from a proposal of building a meeting house at Foxborough or Mansfield) before Rhode-Island Quarter inform they have laid the same before that Meeting according to appointment but

The matter not being fully ripe for a decision, we refer the same under the care of the Comtee until next Quarter.

Northbridge monthly Meeting in their account inform that they think it necessary some better accommodations should be made at Northbridge for holding their Meetings whereupon we appoint Benedict Hemmington, David Mowry, Stephen Wheeler, Silas Boyce, David Southwick & Seth Miller to inspect into the condition & circumstances of that meeting house & Lott, & propose to next Quarter what in their judgment may be best to be done in that matter.

Smithfield in their account inform that they have forwarded their proportion of Quarterly Meetings stock to our treasurer, they are desired to forward their proportion of yearly Meeting stock, as also the other monthly Meetings, their several proportions of yearly & Quarterly Meetings stock, and an account thereof to next Quarter.

Transcripts of The Epistles from New York & Baltimore were read in this Meeting to our satisfaction, we refer the reading of the other until next Quarter.

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2nd mo. A Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at & for Smithfield the 13th of 2nd mo 1806. The accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented, the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield David Mowry, Chas. Smith & Joseph Bartlett. Northbridge Bernard Fowler & Amos Aldrich. Richmond Benjamin Dexter & William Bapsett. Bolton James N. Fry. Thomas Watson & Folger Pope, who being called are all present except Folger Pope who sent a satisfactory reason for his absence.

Transcript of the Epistle from the yearly Meeting of North Carolina was read in this Meeting to satisfaction.

The Queries were read in this Meeting and answers thereto from all our monthly Meetings, from which the following answers were compiled, and agreed to as a description of our present state.

Our Esteemed Friend Joseph Douglas attended this Meeting, with a Copy of a minute from a monthly Meeting held at Durham, dated the 26th of 11th month 1805, expressive of his being a minister in unity and their sympathy with him in the visit therein proposed, whose company & services were truly acceptable to us.

Our Friend Joseph Samson also attended this meeting as a companion for Joseph Douglas with a Copy of a minute from the aforesaid monthly Meeting, dated the 24th of 12th month 1805 whose company was acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of these minutes.

* All our meetings have been attended (except one occasioned by severity of weather) and mostly on first days by the greater part of Friends, midweek meetings not so well attended, the hour generally observed, some appearance of sleep in each meeting at times, other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear. —

2 Love & unity in some good degree maintained, detraction generally guarded against, when differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them. —

3 There appears to be a care to deal with offenders according to discipline, & to place judgment when necessary, tho not so seasonably at all times as would be best. —

The Comtee continued from last Quarter to consult Rhode Island Quarter in regard to boundary lines, not being ready for any further report at this time, that matter is continued under their care untill next Quarter. —

Part of the Comtee appointed at last Quarter to take into consideration the condition & circumstance of Northbridge Meeting house & lot made report, which not being altogether so explicit as that this meeting was united in accepting thereof, we continue that committee with the following addition

(viz) William Buffum, Laurens Southwick & Chad Smith, who are directed to consider of the subject, & report to Wabridge monthly Meeting as to viz &c. Wabridge is vested with full power to build, & house & do in all matters as may appear to them best agreeable to their report. — — — — —

The womens meeting informs this that they has united with Smithfield monthly Meeting in appointing Elizabeth Smith to the station of an Elder after solid consideration there on this Meeting also unites with them therein. — — — — —

They also inform that they have united with Bolton monthly Meeting in appointing Sarah Houghton to the station of an Elder, this meeting after a time of solid consideration there on unite with them therein

Smithfield monthly Meeting in their account inform that they have with the unity of their womens Meeting appointed Jesse Batby to the station of an Elder this meeting after solidly considering thereof unite with them therein. Josiah Shove is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting of the foregoing appointments. — — — — —

Wabridge & Bolton monthly Meetings in their acc^t inform they have forwarded their proportions of Quarterly Meeting stock to our treasurer, they with Smithfield are desired to forward their yearly Meeting stock, as also Richmond their proportion of yearly & Quarterly Meeting stock & an account thereof to next Quarter. — — — — —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Leicester for Smithfield the 0th & 3rd mo: 1806. The acc^t from the several monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield, William Buffum, Jonathan Howry & James Clemons, Wabridge Daniel Aldrich, Jesse Eddy & Asa Potter. Richmond Israel Seben & Elijah Hartness, Bolton John Fry, Stephen Wheeler

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& Thomas Holder, who being called are all present. —

The Queries were read in this Meeting and answers there-
to from all our monthly Meetings from which the following
answers were compil'd and agreed upon as being a description
of our present state. —

Ans.¹ All our Meetings have been attended and generally
by most of our members, except one preparative meeting not
attended at one time by reason of a great snow, midweek meet-
ings sometimes small, the hour pretty well observed, some appear-
ance of sleeping, some care taken, not much other unbecoming
behaviour. —

2nd A degree of love & unity is maintained amongst us, detraction
mostly guarded against, care taken to end differences. —

3rd It appears there is a neglect in bringing up & educating
children in plainness, no pernicious books read amongst us
that we know of, mostly exemplary ourselves, the scriptures
considerably read in our families.

4th The unnecessary use of spirituous liquors mostly guarded
against, an instance or two of young men's attending places
of public resort unnecessarily, care taken, the other part
mostly clear. —

5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected, & their
necessities relieved, none placed out that we know of.

6th Parents and Guardians mostly careful on those accounts,
the unmarried not all so careful as would be best,
Friends generally discountenance disorderly marriages.

7th Our testimony pretty well maintained, except an instance
or two, of attending a training, care taken.

8th Friends mostly careful to inspect & settle their affairs
tho' not always so seasonably as would be best, public
gifts duly applied. —

9th Our testimony maintained as far as we know. —

10th Generally careful in those respects, tho' not without
exceptions, some care taken. —

Int^d Marriages all recorded. Births, Deaths, &c. not all.
 & some removals, without Certificates, care taken. —

12 A good degree of care to deal with offenders, and place
 judgment, tho not always so seasonably as would be best.
 which we direct to be forwarded to the yearly Meeting
 together with the account by our Representatives who are
 Josiah Shove, Chas Smith, Jonathan Fry & Asa Potter.
 They are desired to report their attendance to next Quarter.

Our Beloved Friend Naomi Halsted attended this Meeting
 with a Certificate from Creek monthly Meeting held in Nine-
 Partners, Dutchess County in the state of New York dated the
 10th of 4th month 1806, expressive of their unity with her
 in the visit therein propos. whose company & Gospel labour
 with us were truly acceptable. —

Our Beloved Friend Lydia Arnold attended this meet-
 ing, with a Certificate from a monthly Meeting held at West-
 Hartford in Connecticut, dated the 7th of 10th month 1805 with
 a concurring endorsement thereon from a Quarterly Meeting
 held at Ninepartners in the state of New York, dated the 5th
 day of 2nd mo: 1806, being expressive of their unity with her
 in the visit therein propos., whose company & labour of love
 in the Gospel were truly acceptable to us.

The Com^{tee} continued from last Quarter to consult Phoe-
 -bians Quarter in regard to boundary lines made report
 which is accepted, & the lines therein propos. are as follows

Beginning at the southwest corner of Gloucester, & to run
 west into Connecticut & north Eastward to Stephen
 Meek's house by the road, thence Easterly to Benjamin
 Medbury's house in Smithfield, thence to Daniel
 Norry's the Town Clerk of Smithfield, thence Easterly
 to the Road 20 Rods South of John Nann's thence

Easterly to Augustus Lapham's formerly Gully's house: thence easterly to Whipple Lovet's house: thence to the North part of Diamond Hill in Cumberland; thence to the North East Corner of Cumberland, thence South Easterly to the precinct Meeting house in Littleborough, thence Easterly to Kimball's public house in Easttown & so on to the line of Sandwich Quarter, all to the South belonging to Rhode Island Quarter, & northward to Smithfield Quarter, and the Clerk is directed to insert the same in our account to the yearly Meeting for their consideration & disposal.

It appears by accounts from Smithfield, Uxbridge and Bolton, that they have forwarded to our treasurer their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock, and Richmond their proportion of yearly & Quarterly Meeting stock.

Our treasurer is directed to pay the yearly Meeting's treasurer our proportion of yearly meeting's stock.

It appears by accounts from Uxbridge monthly Meeting that the expense of building Northbridge meeting house will be \$650. & that Uxbridge have subscribed towards the same \$382

Dec: 1 A Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton for Smithfield the 14th of 10th month 1806.

The accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Laureus Southwick, Jonathan Mowry & Zadok Smith Uxbridge Daniel Aldrich, Joseph Thove & Moses Tarnum, Richmond Enoch Southwick, Pleg Taft & Reuben Randall Bolton Jonathan Fry, Thomas Watson & Abel Houghton, who being called are all present except Pleg Taft who informed this Meeting in writing that his state of health was such that he was ^{not} able to attend.

The Queries were read in this Meeting & answers thereto from all our monthly Meetings from which the following answers were compiled & adopted as being a description of our present state. —

1st All our Meetings have been attended, those on first days by the greater part of Friends, midweek meetings not so fully attended, the hour mostly observed, a few frequently overtaken with sleep, some care taken, of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear. —

2nd We believe that love & unity is in a good degree maintained, & detraction mostly guarded against, where differences have appeared, endeavours have been used to end them. —

3rd We believe there is a concern on friends minds to deal with offenders, tho' not always so seasonably ^{attended to}, as would be best & to place judgment somewhat agreeable to this Query. —

The Representatives to the yearly Meeting report they all attended & produced the following extracts from our Meetings minutes viz. The Comtee on general services made the following proposal for an alteration in our discipline. Agreed for initiating convicted persons into membership with us. That they appear at a preparative meeting when circumstances will admit of it & request to come under the care of Friends, if the preparative Meeting approve the same, that they acquaint the monthly Meeting thereof, which is to be substituted instead of the forepart of the minute of 1760. Page 21, ending with the words "to be taken under their care."

They further propose that the following minute be substituted instead of the minute of 1772 Page 64.

It is our sense & judgment that it is improper for brother's Children, Sisters children half brother's children or half Sisters children to marry together or any nearer

than a first cousins child and if any notwithstanding shall proceed to marry nearer than a first cousins child being previously cautioned and advised against it, that the monthly Meeting where such belong give forth a public testimony against them and not to receive such into unity again untill such meetings are well assured that they have found a place of sincere repentance and are received in the truth which after solid consideration is with the preceding proposal united with & they are directed to be inserted in all our Books of discipline the former under the head convinced persons & the latter under the head marriage.

This meeting hath approved of the line of division between Rhode-Island & Smithfield Quarterly Meetings as proposed by Smithfield Quarterly meeting. - this meeting hath concluded to raise \$700 the ensuing year, Smithfield quarterly meeting is desired to forward \$70 their proportion thereof to our treasurer and an account thereof to our next yearly Meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of our yearly meeting held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 16th to the 18th of 6th month 1806. Obadiah Davis Clerk.

Our Representatives are directed to select from P. Extracts such parts thereof as are necessary to be inserted in our discipline & forward the same to the several monthly meetings who are directed to insert the same in all our Books of discipline. ^{Our Representatives are directed} Also to apportion the sum of \$70 it being our proportion of yearly Meeting stock also to apportion \$260 it being what remains unsubscribed towards the expence of building Northbridge Meeting house to apportion the same to the several monthly Meetings. P. Meetings are directed to forward the money to our treasurer & an account thereof to next Quarter.

Recd. Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia, Newyork, Baltimore & Virginia those from London & Philadelphia were read in this meeting to satisfaction, the reading of the others is refer'd to next Quarter.

David Aldrich, Chad Smith, George Comstock & Thomas Holder are appointed to settle the treasurers accounts, propose a sum for our Quarterly Meeting stock, also propose some Friend for treasurer the year ensuing & report to next Quarter.

Our Esteemed Friends Sarah Holder and Lydia Fry opened in this Meeting a concern that had for some time rested on their minds to make a religious visit within the limits of Newyork yearly Meeting and Bolton monthly Meeting having furnished them with Certificates this meeting after solidly considering the same unite with them therein & endorsements were made on D^d Certificates in this Meeting & signed by the Clerk, Richard Mowry & John Fry are appointed to take the necessary care in regard to D^d visit.

11 mo. At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at & for Smithfield the 13th of 11th mo. 1806. The accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Walter Allen, Thomas Aldrich & William Buffum, Uxbridge Elisha Arnold & Bernard Fowler, Richmond Israel Taber & Enoch Southwick, Bolton Thomas Watson & Jonathan Fry who being called are all present.

The Queries were read in this Meeting & answers thereto from all our monthly Meetings, from which the following answers were agreed upon as being a description of our present

State. (See page 50.)
Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly Meetings of Newyork, Baltimore & Virginia were read in this Meeting to satisfaction.

The Comtee appointed at last Quarter to settle the treasurer's acc^t &c made the following report.

According to appointment, we have settled with the treasurer I found due to him \$26⁰⁰ 52 Cts, and the expences of the Quarterly Meeting at Bolton is not paid, We propose the raising of ninety Dollars to supply the treasurer for the year ensuing, and Josiah Shove for Treasurer.

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George Comstock
Thomas Holder

David Aldrich
Chad Smith.

which is accepted & our Representatives are directed to apportion the proper sum of \$90 to the several monthly Meetings, who are directed to forward the same to our treasurer & an account thereof to next Quarter, & Josiah Shove is re-appointed treasurer for the year ensuing.

Smithfield monthly Meeting in their account inform they have forwarded their proportion of the expence of the ~~expence~~ building Northbridge Meeting house to our treasurer, they are directed to forward their proportion of yearly meeting stock, as also the other monthly Meetings their several proportions thereof, & of the expence of building Northbridge Meeting house and an account thereof to next Quarter.

Our Esteemed Friends Micajah Collins & John Bailey attended several monthly, and nearly all the particular Meetings belonging to this Quarter, whose company & services were truly acceptable, the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to Salem & Pembroke monthly Meetings.

The time for which the Clk and assistant were appointed being expired, the present Representatives are directed to consider of & propose some persons who may be suitable therefor to next Quarter.

Received a large number of the printed London Epistles, one of which was read in this meeting to our satisfaction, the Representatives are directed to make a division of the same to each monthly Meeting.

* *Office summary closed
have been redacted in
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Ans^r 1st All our Meetings attended, & those on first days by the most of Friends, midweek meetings more neglected, the hour pretty well observed, tho not without exception, some few friends frequently overtaken with sleep, not wholly clear of other unbecoming behaviour, some care taken.

2nd Love & unity in a good degree maintained, detraction mostly guarded against, when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

12th There is a good degree of care amongst us to deal with offenders, & to place judgment as required by that Query.

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2nd mo. At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at & for Smithfield the 12th of 2nd mo: 1007.

The accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Thomas Aldrich Daniel Smith & Douglass Marsh Unbridge Asa Potter & Joseph Bassett, Richmond Benjamin Dexter & Paul Handy, Bolton Stephen Pope, Josiah Shore J^r & Thomas Holder who being called are all present.

The Representatives to last Quarter propose that Moses Farnum serve as Clerk & Zadok Smith as assistant, they are appointed accordingly for the year ensuing.

The Queries were read in this Meeting and answers thereto from all our monthly Meetings from which the following summary was compiled.

1st All our meetings have been attended, those on first days mostly by the greater part of our members midweek meetings frequently small, the hour pretty well observed, some appearance of sleeping, some care taken, not much other unbecoming behaviour observed in our meetings. —

2nd Love & unity in a good degree is maintained amongst us detraction mostly guarded against, care taken to end differences. —

3rd We believe there is a concern on friends minds to deal with offenders, tho' not always so seasonably as would be best, & to place judgment agreeably to this Query Rec. an Epistle from our last yearly Meeting, which was read in this Meeting to our satisfaction which is as follows.

To the Quarterly Meetings. —

Dear Friends, Having felt our minds dipped into the state of the society at this time, & observing through the accounts from the several Quarters, that the Law & Testimonies of our holy profession are in many instances deviated from; we are afresh concerned, under the gracious influence, we humbly trust, of the Master of our assemblies, to call to faithfulness in those important things; that the complaint in our inclosure, respecting those pernicious deviations may be done away; and that Zion may be clothed with the garments of righteousness & truth, since this is, dear Friends, the design of the Holy Head of the Church; and since there are through Him many brethren, who are called & devoted to this blessed cause, who have forsaken all to follow Him & to labour for the spreading of righteousness & peace on the Earth. — How can any of us be so far negligent as to stand as obstacles to this blessed work. —

We are desirous that the exercise of deep travail of spirit witnesses at this season, on account of those deviations may be remembered and that all may be engaged to come up in faithfulness in bearing our testimonies, particularly that of our attending midweek meetings; If we can, dear Friends, dispense with this, no wonder there are other grievous departures, such as, the improper use of spirituous liquors, a departure from plainness; a launching into business beyond our abilities to manage suitably, circumstances which are painful to the sincere hearted among us, and deeply reproachful to us as a religious body. Therefore may all renewed, take courage, and immediately labour to comply with this important injunction; let him that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity, and may the sincere dependant ones, wherever their lots may be cast, be encouraged to hold on their way, and faithfully discharge their duty, may they labour in meekness & with effect. —

And beloved youth we earnestly call your attention to those things, & solicit your labour in removing the offences which are before us; that our holy profession may be transmitted to the succeeding generation in its antient purity & the glory of our heavenly Father thereby magnified.

We are at this time concerned earnestly to exhort you to watch over the flock, & deal in due time, & in a spirit of Christian love & tenderness with all such as walk disorderly amongst you, in order to reclaim & restore them, by brotherly counsel & admonition, and we tenderly advise all those on whom this important duty devolves, to labour to have their own minds so reduced & subjected to the Divine influence in all their movements that they may feel nothing towards the delinquents but pure love for their immortal souls, which can only crave their conviction of their errors, subjection to the Cross of Christ & restoration to the unity of the Church; and we have faith to believe that where this is your care your labour will be often attended with a gathering effect & prove a

bleeping to the individual. — On the contrary we have to fear much hurt from superficial labour, and attempting it while the mind is impressed with any thing like indifference, to a brother's being reclaimed & happily witnessing a being brought within the sacred inclosure. — and we also tenderly caution all, not to suffer any influence from connection or relationship, to obstruct the proper exercise of the discipline. All souls are mine saith the Most High; and seeing the cause we profess to be engaged in, is also His; when we are in a proper state of mind, we shall feel the same love & solicitude for our neighbour as for ourselves. — (And dear Friends) when we are favoured with this experience which we ought to persevere in labouring for, we shall be concerned to instruct the tender minds of the dear Children under our care with the necessity of early yielding obedience to the monitions of truth, whereby they will be brought into a near acquaintance with the divine operation of this blessed principle, by which we have grounds for hope they would be much more preserved from the vanities and follies that at the present day so much prevail in the world.

With the salutation of love we are your Friends & Brethren

Signed on behalf of our yearly Meeting held on Rhode-Island by adjournments from the 15th to the 20th of 6^{mo} inclusive 1806 — Obadiah Davis Clerk

Wabridge in their account inform that they have forwarded \$31 their proportion of Quarterly meeting's stock to our Treasurer they with Richmond & Bolton are desired to forward their proportion of the expence of building Wabridge Meeting house & yearly Meeting stock. Also Smithfield, Richmond & Bolton their proportion of yearly & Quarterly Meeting stock and an amount thereof to next Quarter. —

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A Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Lancaster for Smithfield the 7th of 3rd mo: 1807 the ac-
counts from the several monthly meetings being pre-
sented the Representatives therein names are Joseph
Davis, David Henry, Samuel Smith, & Jonathan
Henry, Hebridge, Richard Henry, James Fowler
& Jesse Ledy, Richmond William Bapp. H. & Samuel
Lap. H. Bolton David Smith, Thomas Holder &
Thomas Watson who being called are all present except
David Henry & Thomas Watson, who this meeting was
informed were absent by reason of sickness. —

It appears by the account from Hebridge monthly meeting
that Samuel Steat has been disowned as a member by
that meeting, & has appealed from their judgment
against him to this meeting whereupon we appoint
Jesse Batty, Walter Allen, Thomas Holder, David
Smith & Isaac Liden to hear & determine upon it
appeal & report to next Quarter. —

The Queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto
from all our monthly meetings, from which the following
summary was compiled.

Q^{ry} 1st All our meetings for religious worship and disci-
pline duly attended by a considerable part of our
members (except one or two meetings twice owing to the
inclemency of the weather) yet we are sensible there
is a deficiency in some to this important duty. The
hour generally observed though not without exceptions
sleeping is apparent with some in our meetings, mostly
dear of other unbecoming behaviour, some care taken.

- 2nd Love & unity generally maintained amongst us & faction mostly guarded against, some are taken to end differences
- 3rd Mostly careful to bring up those under our care in plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel, to restrain them from placing ^{books} pernicious & corrupt conversation & to be exemplary ourselves; but not without exceptions, some Friends are careful to have the scriptures read in their families; but not so generally careful in this respect as would be best
- 4th Friends are generally careful in the use of spirituous liquors & of the unnecessary frequenting of taverns & places of public resort, a few instances excepted some care taken; mostly clear as it relates to the other particulars of this query.
- 5th Friends are careful to relieve the poor, none plain from amongst Friends that we know of.
- 6th Generally careful as it relates to the several particulars of this query.
- 7th Our testimony maintained against the payment of priest wages, bearing of arms &c.
- 8th Friends are not all sufficiently careful to settle their accounts, the other part clear.
- 9th We know of no breach of that Query.
- 10th Generally careful to observe this Query, though not without exceptions, some care taken.
- 11th Not so careful in recording births & deaths as would be best, marriage certificates recorded, with respect to removals & certificates care taken.
- 12th There is a concern on friends minds, to deal with offenders & to place judgment agreeable to this query, but not always so generally attended to as would be best.

we direct the same to be forwarded to the yearly Meeting together with the account by our Representatives, who we expect Thomas, Isaac Sabin, William Buffum & Elad Smith they are desired to report their attendance next Quarter. —

We direct our treasurer to pay the yearly Meeting treasurer \$50 our proportion of 5 meetings stock. —

Richmond monthly Meeting in their account inform that they have with the unity of the women's Meeting appointed Reuben Randall to the station of an Elder after a time of solic consideration thereon, this Meeting with the unity of the women's Meeting also approve of a. appointment John Fry is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof. —

Smithfield & Wethbridge in their account inform they have forwarded their proportion of yearly Meeting stock to our treasurer. Richmond also informs they have forwarded their proportion of yearly & Quarterly Meeting stock & of the expense of building Wethbridge Meeting house.

Bolton informs they have forwarded their proportion of yearly & Quarterly Meeting stock & they with Wethbridge are desired to forward their proportion of the expense of building Wethbridge Meeting house to our treasurer & an account thereof to next Quarter. —

Thomas, which, Richard Mowry, Walter Allen, Thomas Holder & William Bapett are appointed to consider of the proposition from Smithfield monthly Meeting of building a meeting house at Foxborough & report to next Quarter. —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Botton
for Smithfield the 20th of 10th month 1807.

The accounts from all the monthly Meetings being
presented except Wbridge, the Representatives therein
named are for Smithfield Jesse Batty, William Frost,
S. David Mowry, Richmond Paul Handy, S. Laidk,
Howard, Botton Jonathan Fry, Calvin Gates & Thomas
Heldes, who being called are all present.

The Queries were read in this Meeting & answers
thereto from all our monthly Meetings except Wbridge
from which the following summary was compil'd. —

(Ans^r 1st) All Meetings for religious worship and disci-
-pline attended, those on first days by the greatest part
of Friends; midweek meetings sometimes small, the hour
generally observed, sloping appears in most of our meetings,
some other unbecoming behaviour has appeared in
some meetings, some care taken.

(2nd) Love & unity in a degree maintained, detraction not
enough guarded against, some care taken to end differ-
-ences.

(3rd) There is a care amongst us to deal with offenders as
queried after and to place judgment accordingly. —

And some judicious remarks were made upon the many
deficiencies which appear among us, and an exercise
was felt that these things might be done away from
our enclosure whereupon we appoint Daniel Aldrich,
Jonathan Mowry, John Fry, Israel Sabers, Jesse
Batty, Richard Mowry, Josiah Howe & Thomas
Watson to visit all the monthly Meetings belonging
to this Quarter, & such of the particular Meetings
of which they are compos'd, as truth may open their
way

way & labour in meetings for the removal of those hurtful things which so much mar the beauty of our society, & make report to next Quarter.

The Representatives to the yearly ^{minutes} Meeting report they all attended & produced the following extracts from ^{minutes} Meetings.

Extracts from Rhode Island yearly Meeting held by adjournments from the 15th of 6th mo. 1807 to the 17th of the same inclusive.

Rhode Island Quarterly meeting propose that their Quarter be held in future on the 1st 5th day in the 10th month at Portsmouth, 11th month at Somerset, 12th month at Providence & 1st month at East Greenwich which this meeting unites with. — And in order that the times of holding Smithfield Quarter do not interfere with the times now fixed for Rhode Island Quarter, that Quarter is left at liberty to hold their Quarterly Meeting at such times & places the ensuing year as may appear best & make report to this meeting next year. —

It is the judgment of this meeting that monthly meetings have a right in cases of reversal of their judgment against any individual member on account of irregular dealing only to take up the case again and proceed according to discipline and it is recommended to superiour meetings to be careful when reversals are made (on account of irregular dealing only) to express the same in their report. — This is directed to be inserted in all our books of discipline under the head appeals. —

The Comtee appointed to settle the treasurers accounts report the sum of eight hundred Dollars to supply this meetings treasury Smithfield Quarterly Meetings proportion of which is eighty Dollars. — Signed by order of the meeting
Abiah Davis Clerk

The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of s.^d Extracts to each monthly Meeting, — The apportionment of the yearly Meeting stock, as also the subject of a new arrangement of holding our Quarterly Meeting is referred for the consideration of next Quarter. —

The Com^{tee} appointed to hear & determine upon the appeal of Samuel Shead inform they have had several opportunities upon the matter but are not ready for a report whereupon it is continued untill next Quarter they then desired to report. —

The Committee to consider of the proposal of building a meeting house at Foxborough inform they are not fully ready for a report at this time, the matter is continued under their care & they desired to report to next Quarter. —

Northbridge & Bolton are desired to forward their proportion of the expence of building Northbridge meeting house to our treasurer & an account thereof to next Quarter. —

Received transcripts of Epistles from the yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia, New York & Wayneoak, that from London was read in this meeting to our satisfaction, we defer the reading of the others untill next Quarter. —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at & for Smithfield the 12th of 11 mo: 1807. —

The accounts from the several monthly Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Smithfield Launce, Southwick, Joseph Bartlett and Benjamin Pierce Northbridge Joseph Barneett, Josiah Shaw & Amos At-drick, Richmond Israel Allen and Samuel Arnold

Botton Stephen Southwick, Thomas Holder and Daniel
Coolidge who being called are all present. —

The Queries were read in this meeting and answers thereto
from all our monthly Meetings from which the following
summary was compiled.

1st Ans: 1st (All our meetings for religious worship & dis-
cipline attended by the greater part of Friends, though
there seems to be ^{some} deficiency in attending weekday meetings,
so attentive and so near the hour by some as would be best
not altogether clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming beha-
viour therein). —

2nd Love & unity in some good degree maintained, detraction
mostly guarded against & where differences have arisen
care has been taken to end them. —

12 There is a care amongst us to deal with offenders as
queried after, although not without exceptions, and to
place judgment according to our discipline. —

The committee appointed at last Quarter to visit all
the monthly Meetings, and such of the particular meetings
of which they are compos^d, as truth might open their way
made the following report. —

At the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Smithfield the
12th of 11 mo: Wth. We the committee appointed to visit
the monthly Meetings belonging to this Quarter upon
account of the many deficiencies brought up in the accounts
and such of the particular meetings as truth might open
the way, have attended to our appointment and some of us
have visited all the monthly Meetings and several of the
particular meetings, and we think we was favoured to
labour in a good degree in that ability that affords peace
to our own minds & we believe of some encouragement and
satisfaction to some others, wherefore we have a hope that
there will be an increase of labour to overcome by those

that have been foiled. By the enemies of truth signed
on behalf of the Committee by
Daniel Aldrich }
Deborah Mowry }

which was to satisfaction.

The subject of a new arrangement of holding our Quarterly
Meeting coming under consideration at this time, whereupon
we appoint Josiah Shove, Philip Earle, Leabak Smith,
Abel Houghton, Israel Staben, Asa Potter, Obadiah Wheeler,
Jonathan Mowry, and Thomas Aldrich a Com^{tee} to take
the matter into consideration and propose to next Quarter
what in their judgment may be best to be done in that
case & also to take into consideration the present arrange-
ment of the several monthly meetings belonging to
this Quarter & if it should appear that some useful alter-
-ations might be made therein also to propose the same.

The Com^{tee} to hear & determine upon the appeal of
Samuel Stead inform they have had another opportunity
upon the matter at which it was expected that Samuel
would be present, but he was not, it is therefore con-
-tinued untill next Quarter they then desired to report.

The Com^{tee} to consider of the proposal of building
a Meeting house at Foxborough inform that from
a circumstance which has recently come to their
knowledge they are not ready for a report at this time
the matter is continued under their care & they desired
to report to next Quarter.

A transcript of an Epistle from the yearly meet-
-ing of Philadelphia was read in this Meeting to
satisfaction, the reading of the others is refer^d to next
Quarter.

Webster in their account inform they have directed
their treasurer to pay ours \$92 Their proportion

of the expense of building Northbridge meeting house
Bolton is desired to forward them to our treasurer
& an account thereof to next Quarter.

Our Representatives are directed to apportion \$100
this meeting proportion of yearly Meetings
stock to the several monthly Meetings, & meeting
are directed to forward the same to our treasurer
treasurer and an account thereof to next Quarter
1000 At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at and for
Smithfield the 11th of 2nd month 1800.

The amounts from the several monthly Meetings being
presented the Representatives therein named are for.
Smithfield Laelius Southwick & Zadok Smith
Uxbridge Obadiah Wheeler, Asa Potter & Peter Farnum
Richmond William Bassett & Elijah Haskness, Bolton
Thomas Watson, Thomas Holder & Jonathan Joy who
being called are all present.

Our beloved Friend Richard Jordan attended this meeting
with a copy of a minute from Hartford Monthly Meeting
held 13th of 1st month 1800 expressive of his being a
Minister in good esteem whose company & services were truly
acceptable to us.

Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly Meetings
of New York & Wyanoke in Virginia were read in this
Meeting to satisfaction.

The Queries were read in this Meeting and answers
thereto from all our monthly Meetings from which
the following summary was compil^d.

Ans. 1st All our meetings have been attended and most of
them by the greater part of Friends, except midweek
Meetings which are sometimes small, the hour pretty
well observed, some appearance of sleeping at times some
care taken not much other unbecoming behaviour in our
Meetings.

2nd Love & unity in a good degree maintained, detraction somewhat tho not enough guarded against, care taken to end differences when they have appeared. —

12th There is a care amongst us to deal with offenders & to place judgment according to discipline. —

The Comtee to take into consideration the subject of a new arrangement of holding our Quarterly Meeting made report, after a time of deliberation thereon we think best to refer the subject under the care of P. Comtee & they are again desired to consider the matter and make report to next Quarter. —

The Comtee to hear & determine upon the appeal of Samuel Stead from the judgment of Hbridge monthly Meeting report, that in their opinion the judgment of Hbridge monthly Meeting ought to be confirmed it is confirmed accordingly and is as follows. —

As Smithfield Quarterly Meeting to be held the 11th of 2nd mo: 1800. We a Committee appointed in the 3rd month last to hear & determine on Samuel Stead's appeal from the judgment of Hbridge monthly Meeting, report. — That soon after our appointment we had a lengthy opportunity with Samuel and the Committee from the aforesaid Meeting, at the close of which interview, he expressed to the Committee that the opportunity had not been sufficient for him to lay before them the whole reasons of his appeal. —

We have since waited nine months to give him opportunity for further disclosures if any to make, and gave him notice when & where he might be heard; but he not meeting with us as was expected we are at liberty to report that it is our opinion

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the judgment of the bridge monthly Meeting ought
to be confirmed

Thomas Holder

2nd
2 mo 10th 1800.

Israel Sabin
Nathan Allen

William Buffum & Rowland Plathum
are appointed to inform him thereof and
report to next Quarter.

Jesse Battey

David Smith

The bridge in their account propose that their monthly
Meeting be held once in three months at Northbridge
for one year; they are accordingly directed to be held there
in the 3rd - 6th - 9th & 12th months next ensuing. —

Received the following minute from the meeting
for sufferings. —

It having appeared to this meeting that the doctrine
and remarks contained in the letters of our deceased friend
Job Scott will be desirable to friends generally in our
yearly Meeting, the Clerk is directed to forward four
hundred copies to each of our Quarterly Meetings and
those meetings are requested to dispose of them in such
manner as they may think best, and also to remit to
the yearly Meeting treasurer the amount at six cents
each of such as they may dispose of — and they are at
liberty to return such surplus as may remain on
hand. —

Extracted from the minutes of the
Meeting for sufferings held in New Bedford 10 of 12th
mo. 1807. —

W^m Pitcher Clerk

We direct that the above copies be divided by our repre-
sentatives in such proportion as they think best
& that they forward the same to their respective monthly
Meetings they are directed to forward the money for such
as are sold to the Quarterly Meetings treasurer and
return the surplus of ^{of copies} to this Meeting. —

The Representatives propose Ladd & Smith as
Clerk for this Meeting and Gideon Mowry as assistant
they are appointed accordingly for the year ensuing.

Bottom monthly Meeting is desired to forward
their proportion of the yearly meeting's stock to our
treasurer and an amount thereof to next Quarter.

The monthly Meetings are desired to forward their
several proportions of the yearly meeting's stock to
our treasurer and an amount thereof to next Quarter.

This meeting recommends to the several
monthly Meetings to raise the sum of \$90
to supply this meeting's treasury our Represent-
atives are directed to apportion a sum agreeable
to the last apportionment of this meeting's stock,
the monthly Meetings are directed to forward the
same to our treasurer and an amount thereof to
next Quarter.

5th Month

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Leicester
for Smithfield 12th of 5th Mo 1808 - The representatives
named in the account from the monthly meetings are
Smithfield, Matt. Allen, Jos. Ware & Howard Southwick,
Hobbs, Josiah Shore, Nathaniel Thayer, & Jere Cady,
Wichman, Eben Cook, & Heber Randall, Bolton, Ladd &
Smith, Stephen Southwick, Thomas Watson, who being
called are all present. Except Nathaniel Thayer, who
this meeting was informed was absent through indispo-
sition.

The Queries & answers have been read in this meeting
from which the following summary was a copy
directed to be forwarded to the yearly meeting with the
account by our representation, Israel Sabin, Hays
Kearney, Jere Cady & Matt. Allen & Thomas Watson,
who are directed to attend to their appointment and
report to next Quarter.

Apr 1st - All meetings absent, there is just duty and love for discipline by the next of friends other on week meetings, it was fully attended, the more pretty well attended too, Friends generally recovered from sleeping, some few instances exceptions, mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviors

Apr 2nd There is some good degree of Love & unity maintained amongst us, Detraction not enough guarded against, when differences have arisen care has been taken -

Apr 3rd Friends are measurably careful to bring up their families as Quakers, but an increase of what we think would be useful, pernicious books not much read. Friends are generally careful themselves, The Scriptures are read in Quaker families -

Apr 4th Friends are generally careful to avoid the too frequent use of spiritous liquors & the unnecessary frequenting places of public resort, tho' not without some exceptions some care taken, The other part mostly clear -

Apr 5th The poor and such as appear likely to miss assistance are taken care of - none placed out that we know of.

Apr 6th Mostly careful on those account -

Apr 7th We believe generally careful to observe the second part of that query -

Apr 8th We believe our testimony is maintained in that respect

Apr 9th Friends are mostly careful to perform their promises and to pay their just debts tho' not without some exceptions, some care taken, generally careful as it relates to the other part of that Query -

Apr 10th Not so careful in regard to records as would be better, several removals without certificates, some care taken -

Ans^d 12th A good degree of care taken to
 deal with officers that not always reason-
 ably as would be best; and to place judg-
 ments somewhat agreeably to this Query

Our esteemed Friend Richard Gordon attended
 our last Quarterly meeting with a copy of a minute
 from Hestford monthly meeting dated 13th of 1st mo.
 1808 and since that time several particular meetings
 belonging to this Quarter whose company & religious
 services were to our instruction & satisfaction the
 Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute
 to Hestford monthly meeting

The Comtee to consider the matter relative to
 holding the Quarterly meeting in future report
 as followeth, Agreeably to appointment we propose
 to hold the Quarterly meeting in future as follows

at Kotton the 2^d 5th day in the 3^d Mo.
 at Leicester - 2^d 5th day in the 11th Mo.
 at Donthpote - 2^d 5th day in the 2^d Mo.
 at Northbridge - 2^d 5th day in the 5th Mo.

with a public meeting at each place -
 which is accepted & the proposal therein made
 forwarded to the Yearly meeting for their disposal

The Comtee to inform Samuel Head of the
 conclusion of this meeting in confirming the judg-
 ment of Northbridge monthly meeting, Report that he
 has been informed & Samuel informing this meeting
 by a few lines that he proposed appealing from the judgment
 of this meeting to the Yearly meeting. An appeal is granted
 Richard Norway, Walter Allen, Moses Farnum, Josiah
 Love, Jesse Batty & Chadr Smith are appointed to
 represent & care on behalf of this to the Yearly meeting

The name is ordered to be inserted in the account to the Yearly meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of all the doings of this meeting on the subject.

The Comtee to settle the treasurers acct made the following report -

Reckoned & settled all accts with the Quarterly meeting treasurer & found a balance in his hands due to the meeting of \$22.75 ct, and we propose giving share for treasurer the year ensuing the 1st of 5th mo. 1800. —

Admitted, Morey Tarnum which is accepted and Josiah Thore is appointed treasurer for the year ensuing who is directed to forward our proportion of Yearly meeting stock to the treasurers of that meeting.

The Comtee in the case of building a meeting house at Foxborough inform that some attention has been paid to the case but not being ready to make a full report it is continued under their care & they directed to report to next Quarter.

Smithfield & Uxbridge in their acct inform that they have forwarded their proportion of Yearly meeting stock, Richmond monthly meeting that they have forwarded theirs of Yearly & Quarterly meeting stock and Bolton that they have forwarded their proportion of building Northbridge meeting house. Smithfield & Uxbridge monthly meeting are directed to forward their proportion of Quarterly meeting stock & Bolton theirs of Yearly & Quarterly meeting stock to next Quarter. Uxbridge & Richmond monthly meeting also inform that they forwarded to the Quarterly meeting treasurers the pay for pamphlets handed down at last Quarter.

8th 10th 1868 (69)

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Bolton for & certified the 18th of 8th Mo. 1868,
the Representatives named in the accounts are for
Smithfield, 4th Helly, Isaac Smith, & Benjamin
Pace, the 5th Amos Horick & Estlin Earle
Richmond, Frank Allen & Elijah Mackney, Boston
David Smith, Calvin Gales & Stephen A. Southwin
all present except Isaac Smith who sent a satisfactory
excuse for his absence —

The Quizzes, and extracts from the several
Monthly meetings have been read in this meeting
from which from which the following summary is
compiled and directed to be recorded —

Answer Sth M. Meeting attended those on first days
by the greater part of friends, Midweek Meetings
generally small, The hour for the most part pretty
well observed, some appearance of sleep in all our
meetings, Some care taken, mostly clear of other
unbecoming behaviour —

2nd Love & unity in a good degree maintained, Detractions
mostly tho. not fully guarded against, Where differences
have arisen, endeavours have been used to end them —

12th There appears to be a care to deal with offenders
for the most part, & to place judgement agreeably
to Discipline —

The representatives to attend the Yearly meeting
report that they all attended and produced the extracts
from said meeting by which it appears that our proportion
of the Yearly stock is \$80 — The Monthly meetings
are directed to forward their proportion of stock to our
treasurer in the same proportion of last year and an

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account being to this meeting the clerk is directed to forward such parts of said Extracts as appear necessary with a copy of this minute to each monthly meeting.

The representatives also produced Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly meetings of London, Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore, those from London & Philadelphia have been read to satisfaction the reading of the other two is referred to next Quarter.

The Committee continued at last Quarter to consider of the subject of Building a meeting house at Newborough report, which not being wholly satisfactory to this meeting a case is referred to next Quarter, where the care of said Committee & Benjamin Pearce, Moses Sarnum, Calvin Gates & Wm Buffum are added to the former Committee.

Our esteemed friend ^{Richard Henry} opened in this meeting a concern that has rested on his mind to make a religious visit within the limits of Eastern Quarterly meeting & some place adjacent thereto after solemnly considering the same do with the unity of our women's meeting unite with him therein & leave him at liberty to pursue said visit & an endorsement ^{was} entered accordingly ^{on behalf of this meeting} and a certificate from Newbridge monthly meeting. Bejamin Fowler, Daniel Aldrich, Josiah Shaw & Jonathan Hawry are appointed to take the necessary care in regards to said visit.

This Meeting Recd an Epistle and several papers containing remarks on the qualifications of an Elder, from our friend Mary Mitchell said Epistle was read in this meeting to satisfaction David Smith & Ephraim Pope are appointed to make out copies of said Epistle & send to each monthly meeting.

Smithfield & Newbridge monthly meetings inform that they have forwarded their proportion of the Quarterly meeting stock to our treasurers Smithfield sent

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\$7.20 cents for pamphlets sent down by this
Meeting entitled letter written by our friend
Scott

Bolton monthly meeting is directed to form
their proportion of yearly & Quarterly meeting stock
& also their proportion for the above 2 pamphlets to
our Treasurer & an aid to next Quarter

* This Meeting having concluded to raise Eight
hundred Dollars for the ensuing year's stock.
Smithfield Quarterly Meetings proportion thereof
is Eighty Dollars, which is to be forwarded to
Caleb Greene of Providence, Treasurer of this Meeting.

The proposition of Smithfield Quarter for
holding that meeting in future at Bolton on
the 2nd fifth^{day} of the Eighth Month, at Scitowick
in the Tenth month, at Smith in the second
month, & at Northbridge in the Fifth month
all on the second fifth day of each month, is
accorded to

The judgment of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting,
appealed from by Samuel Stead, after that the
Committee, & said Stead had been heard by a committee
of twelve friends who reported thereon was confirmed.
Extracted from the minutes of Providence party
meetings held from the 11th of the 6th mo 1882
to the 15th of the same inclusive.

Samuel Peckham
Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at
Leicester for Smithfield 10th & 11th Mo 1812

The representatives named in the accuns
from the Monthly Meetings are Smithfield
Jonathan Mowry, Nathan Merick, Philip Walden
Unbridge Silas Earl, Amos Aldrich, Jesse Eddy
Richmond Wm Bassett, Esck Cook, Bolton
Thomas Holder, Jonathan Fry. who being called
are all present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with
answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings
and a summary from said answers was also read
and to and words to be recorded.

General answer 1st

All our Meetings have been attended &
most of them by the greater part of friends.
but there is a slackness in some more particularly
in the attendance of the women's Meetings & it is
generally observed some appearance of sloping other
indecencies mostly clear.

Answer 2nd

Love and unity maintained by most of
friends. detraction generally guarded against. When
differences have arisen our has been taken to settle them
Some care taken to deal with offenders and judgment
placed when thought necessary.

Transcripts of epistles from the Yearly Meetings of
New York and Baltimore were read in this meeting
to satisfaction.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting inform that they with the unity of their women's Meeting have appointed Moses Farnum to the station of an elder this Meeting after solemnly considering the same do with the unity of our women's Meeting unite with them therein. Josiah Stone is appointed to inform to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

Bolton monthly Meeting, made the following proposition viz. for the select members of each Monthly Meeting to constitute a preparative select meeting which is acceded to and the select members belonging to Uxbridge Richmond and Bolton Monthly Meetings are Directed to hold their select preparative Meeting in future accordingly the Clerk is directed to furnish said meeting with a copy.

The Committee in the case of building a meeting house at Foxborough or Mansfield Report in writing as follows. Viz.

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting to be held at Leices^{ter} the 10th of 11th mo 1808.

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of building a meeting house at Foxborough or Mansfield Report that most of the Committee have had several opportunities of consultations on the subject, and are of opinion that it may be best to build a small house 22 feet long and 16 wide with 9 feet posts on a lot of land belonging to Abraham Crowley in Mansfield on the easterly side of the Road that leads to the north to contain 40 square rods, which lot the said Abraham offers to give to friends for the aforesaid purpose.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

By W^m Buffum
Walter Allen

Which is accepted and Smithfield Monthly Meeting is Directed to build said house, Collect what money may be subscribed in that neighbourhood for that and report the remainder of the expence to this Meeting when accomplished, the Clerk is directed to furnish Smithfield Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute. Our Treasurer is directed to B-2s to the yearly meetings Treasurer for 200 pamphlets written by our friend Job Scott and sent to this Meeting by the Meeting for sufferings.

Bolton Monthly Meeting inform they have forwarded to our Treasurer B 10 their proportion of Yearly meeting stock for 1807 they are desired to forward their proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock to our Treasurer and an account thereof to our next Quarterly Meeting.

5th Mo. 1809

At a Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 2^d Mo. 9th 1809 - The representatives named in the accounts from the Monthly meeting, are, Smithfield, Walter Allen, & Howland Nathaniel Newbridge Elisha Arnold, Epling Earle & Amos Thrich Richmond, Levi Newry & W^m Lapett, Bolton,

Abel Houghton & Thomas Watson who being called are all present except Elisha Stone, Levi Henry & Wm. Bassett

Our Beloved friend Daniel Quinby attended this meeting, with a certificate from Creek Monthly Meeting, in the Vinepartners County of Dutchess State of New York Dated 20th of 1st Mo. 1809, whose company and religious services were acceptable to us

Also our friend Thomas Stringham companion to our aforesaid friend attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from the same monthly meeting, whose was also acceptable to us

The Queries and answers have been read in this meeting, as also the following summary which is accepted and ordered to be recorded

- Ans: 1st All Meetings have been attended so far as appears those on first days by the greater part of friends, mid week meetings often small, mostly careful to observe the hour, some appearance of sleeping, not much other unbecoming behaviour observed in our meetings.
- 2nd Love and Unity in a good degree maintained, distraction mostly but not fully guarded against, and where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them
- 3rd Care has been taken to deal with offenders, and to place judgement, yet not so fully and so seasonably in some instances as might have been best

The printed general Epistle for 1800 from the Yearly meeting of friends in London has been read and read to our comfort and satisfaction

Smithfield Monthly meeting inform that they have

forwarded their proposition of Quarterly meeting stock to our treasurers and Bolton Monthly meeting is directed to forward their proposition to our Treasurers and an account thereof to next Quarter

The time for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed being expired the representatives are directed to consider who may be suitable for that service, consult the friends on the subject and report to next Quarter

11th of 5th Mo 1809

A Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Northbridge the 11th of 5th Mo 1809 - the representatives named in the accounts from the monthly meetings are Joseph Smith, Esq. Elder Wm. Buffum, Daniel Sumner, Ebenezer Elisha Arnold, Moses Farnum, Bernard Fowler, Richmond Benjamin Dexter, Paul Handy, Bolton Daniel Wheeler, Thomas Holder - who being called are all present except Paul Handy who sent a satisfactory reason for his absence

The representatives report the names of Isaac Smith for Clerk and Gideon Mowry for assistant which being agreeable to the meeting they are appointed accordingly for the year ensuing

from the regular monthly meetings the Clerks and assistants have been receiving the meetings from which a summary has been compiled and is as follows

Answer 1st Meetings all attended and those on first days by the greater part of friends, midweek meetings not so well attended, some remissness in regard to meeting at the hour, not all preserved from sleeping, of other unbefitting behaviour mostly clear

2nd Love and unity in a good degree maintained: Detraction mostly guarded against, where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them

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3rd Friends are mostly careful to bring up those
under their direction in plainest & C. pernicious books
not much read, pretty good examples themselves, the
Scriptures are read in friends families.
- 4th We believe friends are mostly careful in those respects.
- 5th Clear except one chit placed out from amongst friends.
- 6th Parents and guardians mostly careful in those respects,
the young and unmarried not all so careful, friends discour-
-tenance disorderly marriages.
- 7th Our testimony pretty well maintained in those respects
except an instance or two of attending a training as specta-
-tors some care taken.
- 8th Friends mostly careful to settle their accounts though not
always so seasonably as would be best, public gifts duly
applied.
- 9th Clear.
- 10th Friends mostly careful as to that query
though not without exceptions some care
taken.
- 11th Marriages all received, births, deaths
and Burials, not all; In regard to removals
-als there is an instance or two under care.
- 12th
Care taken to deal with offenders, and
place judgment though not always so
Seasonable as would be best.
- The Same is directed to be forwarded with
the account to the yearly Meeting by
our representatives Jabez King Amos Merick
Archard Henry and William Puffton
who are directed to attend to these appointments
and report to next Quarter.

Our beloved Friend Daniel Quimby attended our last Quarterly Meeting with a Certificate from Creek monthly meeting in the Vineyard County of Litcher State of New York. And also his Companion Thomas Tringham and since that they have attended all the particular meetings belonging to this Quater to the satisfaction of friends. The Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to the aforesaid Monthly Meeting on their behalf.

The time for which the treasures of this meeting was appointed being expired Moses Farnum, Chad Smith and Zepe Eddy are appointed to settle his acct. Consider a sum suitable for this Meeting to raise the ensuing year propose a treasures and report to next Quater.

St. No. 1809

At a Quarterly meeting of friends held at Botton

St. No 10th 1809 - The representatives named in the accounts from the monthly meetings are for Smithfield, Jonathan Newry, Zadok Smith & Cyrus Bassett, the bring Joseph Bassett, Zepe Eddy & Silas Case, Richmond, Paul Gilson & Peregreen Wheeler, Botton, Stephen S. Southwick & Davis Smith, who being called are all present except Joseph Bassett & Stephen S. Southwick who sent satisfactory reasons for their absence.

The Queries & answers from the several monthly meetings have been read in this ^{meeting}, also a summary which being satisfactory is as follows

Ans: 1st All meetings for worship and discipline attended, on first days by the most of friends, midweek meetings, not so fully attended, the hour generally observed sleepiness is apparent in some, mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviours - - -

2nd Love and unity in a good degree maintained by most friends, detraction mostly guarded against and care taken to end differences - - -

12th Care taken to deal with offenders, & to place judgement, tho. not always so seasonably as would be best - - -

The representatives to attend the yearly meeting report they all attended - - -

The Comtee to settle the treasurers accts made the following report - - - According to appointment we have settled the treasurer's accounts and found a balance in his hands in favour of the Quarterly meeting of \$ 23.41 cents and propose the raising of fifty dollars for the year ensuing, and Joseph Shove for Treasurer.

7th Mo 1809

Chas Smith

Moses Harmon

Debbe Eddy

Which is accepted and Joseph Shove appointed treasurer for the year ensuing & the above sum of fifty dollars to be apportioned by the representatives of Howard the same to the monthly meetings who are directed to payers their respective sums to this meeting treasurer and an account thereof to next Quarter.

Historians monthly meeting in their annual report that friends of Pelham are increasing & having a new house built there Daniel Merick, John May, Thomas Merick, Nathan Blackney, Thomas Wilson

Richard Morry & Zachus Southwick are appointed to make a visit to friends of that place, enquire of the circumstances relative thereto & if in their opinion a Meeting house should appear best they to select the place & size of it: have to next Quarter the above named monthly meets also inform that they have unite with their women's meeting in appointing Juliana Blackwell to the station of an elder this meet. after edisly considering the same unite with our Quarters. This in our Quarters Record is apt to be inform the same Quarters meeting they

The Clerk informed that he has forwarded a copy of a minute in favour of Daniel Quinby & Thomas Stringham as directed at last Quarter.

11th Mo. 1809

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting officers held at Leicester 9th of 11th Mo 1809. Recd acct from all our monthly meetings, the representations therein made for Smithfield, Wm Buffum, Philip Walden & Daniel Inman, Uxbridge Chetick Wheeler & Samuel Aldrich jr, Richmond Lusk Howard & Ezek Cooke, Bolton, John Fry & David Smith, who being calls are all present

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from the several monthly meetings also a summary which being satisfactory is accepted and is as follows

Ans: 1st Meetings all attended; those on first days by the greater part of friends, midweek not so fully attended, friends are mostly careful to observe the hour, not all preserved from sleeping some care taken of other unbecoming behaviours mostly clear

Ans^d 2^d Love and unity in a good degree maintained -
 - aimed, detraction mostly guarded against,
 where differences have arisen care is taken to
 end them -

12th - A good degree of care taken to deal with
 offenders and to place judgment according
 to discipline -

This meeting rec^d the Extracts from our last yearly
 meeting minutes, which were read to satisfaction
 and are as follows -

The Queries with answers thereto from the several Quarterly
 meetings were read, whereby many deficiencies were pointed
 to the view of the meeting, and produced a lively concern
 in the minds of many present, which gave rise to many
 feeling remarks & pertinent observations. Particularly
 upon the neglect of our meetings & the defect of Love &
 unity - as well as the baneful effects of an indulgence
 in the use of spirituous liquors in some instances except
 in the answers - accompanied with encouragement to
 a further faithful discharge of individual duty & the
 promotion of our testimony in its various branches.
 At this Meeting several Epistles were read from
 other Yearly meetings from some of which we have
 made the following extracts & recommend them to
 our several Quarterly & monthly meetings as containing
 matters worthy of the careful attention of our members -

"We are renewably sensible that in order to availing
 to Labor for the removal of deficiencies it is necessary
 to be replenished with a sensible feeling of Love to
 the great author of all our mercies whereby a careful
 watch is maintained over our own steps & a fervent
 solicitation for the best interests of others, & when in
 honest simplicity little intimations of duty are
 attended to, there is ground to believe such private

labor is often blessed?

It is sorrowfully obvious that many continue in the neglect of attending meetings for the solemn purpose of divine worship. — May the minds of these be awakened to a just sense of the dangerous situation in which they stand, for we believe it to be impossible for any to grow in the root of vital religion while they continue in the habitual disregard of this incumbent duty.

In the exercise which we have at this time felt on behalf of the beloved rising generation, strong desires have possessed the minds of many brethren that the mighty duties which belong to parents & heads of families may be discharged with increasing faithfulness, that the hearts of the fathers may indeed be turned to the children & by dwelling near the principal in themselves they may be enabled to watch over their tender & susceptible minds & to lead them along not only by precept but by the powerful influence of correct example.

"Dear friends at the present is a season of great commotion in the world a fervent desire hath been felt & expressed in this meeting, that the members of our society may by an increased circumspection & care avoid any interference with the political contentions of the times, believing that those who become actuated by such dispositions will be separated & estranged from the unity & simplicity of truth & be led into a confusion of judgement & feeling which will render the blessing of quietness & assurance (which in that situation) impossible to be attained.

Small facts I recollect by meeting's proposition of six hundred dollars agreed to be raised this year is sixty dollars, which that meeting is desired to pay to

Obadiah Brown treasures of this Meeting &
 send an account thereof to the next yearly meeting
 Extract from the minutes of Rhode Island
 yearly meeting from the 11th to the 15th of the
 6th Month 1819. Inclusive Samuel Rodman
 Clerk to the meeting this year—

The Clerk & assistant are directed to transcribe
 & forward copies thereof to the several monthly
 meetings & the sixty dollars one proportion of the yearly
 meeting. Also the monthly meetings are directed to
 raise in the same proportion as the Quarterly meeting
 & forward the same to the Treasurers of this
 meeting & an account thereof to next Quarter & the
 Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to
 the monthly meetings

Nicholson's Monthly meeting in their account
 inform that Moses Allen ^{jr} has appealed from the
 judgement of that meeting, George Comstock, Elisha
 Arnolds, Obadiah Wheels, Moses Tarnum & David Smith
 are appointed to hear and determine on said case and
 report to next Quarter—

The Comtee to visit Pellum meeting report
 that they think best to build a meeting house there
 24 feet square with 10 feet posts said house to
 be set on a lot of land given and deeded by Samuel
 Arnolds to friends for that purpose & Nicholson's
 Monthly meeting is directed to build said house
 collect the money subscribed for that purpose &
 report the remainder of the expense to this meeting
 when accomplished, the Clerk is directed to furnish

Richmond Monthly meeting with a copy
of this minute

The Monthly meetings are directed to forward
their proposition of the Quarterly meeting stock to
our treasurer & an act thereof to next Quarter

Q^{tr} No 1810

At a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at 8 for
Smithfield 8th of 2^d Mo. 1810 - The representatives,
named in the act from the Monthly Meetings are
for Smithfield Benja. Pease, & Samuel Smith, and
Stephen Bailey, Wobridge, & Nathaniel Aldrich &
Levi Lapham, Richmond Benja. Dexter & Levi
Kandal, Bolton, Joseph Holder and Stephen Wheeler
who being called are all present

The Queries have been read in this meeting
with answer thereto from the several monthly
meetings also a summary which being agreeable
is as follows

1st All our meetings have been attended & mostly
by the greater part of friends, midweek meetings
sometimes & made mostly careful to observe the hour
Some instances of sleeping at times & some care taken
not much other unbecoming behaviour incur meetings
2^d Love & unity in some good degree maintained amongst
us, division mostly guarded against, care taken to
end differences

12th There is a good degree of care amongst us for the
regular dealing with offenders, and to place judgement
according to discipline.

The com^{tee} in the case of Moses Allen's made report
in writing which being read is acceded to & is as follows

That the annual Quarterly meeting next to be held
of the property 1st Smithfield Quarterly meeting to be
held in the 2^d month 1810. We your Com^{tee} appointed to
hear and determine upon the appeal of Moses Allen

from the judgement of Richmond Monthly meeting
against him have met and fully heard him & the
Committee appointed by said monthly meeting to represent
the case on their behalf, and it is our judgement that
the judgement of Richmond Monthly meeting
ought to be reversed which we submit to the Quarterly
Meeting. George Cornslock, Abigail W'heeler, Elisha
Morse, Moses Farnum, David Smith. —

and the judgement of Richmond Monthly meeting
is reversed accordingly & the Clerk is directed to forward
that Monthly meeting with a copy of this minute —

Wethbridge Monthly meeting inform that they
propose to hold their Monthly meeting in future at
Wethbridge in the 3rd, 6th, 9th & 12th Months, said
proposition is acceded to & they directed to hold their
meeting in future accordingly, the clerk is directed to
forward a copy of this minute to that meeting —

Smithfield monthly meeting inform they have
paid our Treasurer their proportion of Quarterly meeting
stock, Haverhill, that they have paid their proportion
of yearly and Quarterly meeting stock, Smithfield
is directed to pay our Treasurer their proportion of
yearly meeting stock, Richmond & Bolton their
yearly & Quarterly meeting stock & send an account thereof
to next Quarter —

Smithfield monthly meeting inform that the
Meeting house at Mansfield is finished & that the
expense thereof is three hundred seventy eight dollars
twelve cents fifty eight dollars of which is paid by
subscription, remains a balance due three hundred
twenty dollars, twelve cents, the representatives are
directed to apportion the above sum to the several
monthly meetings & report said apportionment to
next Quarter & said meetings are directed to forward
the same to our Treasurer and an account thereof
to next Quarter —

3rd Mo. 1840 96

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Northbridge
the 10th of 3rd Mo. 1840 - Rec^d acts from our several
monthly meetings the representation therein names us
for Smithfield, Thomas Aldrich, Jacob Henry, Eliza
Kelley, Hobbins, Rose Farnum, Amos Aldrich, Richmond
Wm Bassett, Ezek (John), Bolton, Thomas Hobbins and
John Day, who being called are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with
answers thereto, from all our monthly meetings & also
a summary which being agreeable is as follows -

Ans^r 1st All meetings attended, those on first days by the
greater part of friends, midweek meetings too much
neglected by some, the hours generally observed, some
friends frequently overtaken with sleep, not much
other unbecoming behaviour observed.

2nd Love and unity in a good degree maintained,
detraction mostly quarrelsome, a good degree
of care taken to end differences when they have
appeared.

3rd Most friends are careful to encourage piety
and to restrain from reading pernicious books
& from corrupt conversation pretty good examples
themselves, the scriptures read in friends families.

4th Friends appear generally careful on those accounts
except some instances of using too much spirit-
uous liquor, some care taken.

5th No deficiencies that we know of except one place
out from among friends.

6th Parents & heads of families mostly careful in
those respects, the young and unmarried not all
so careful as would be best.

7th Clear as far as we know except an instance or two
of attending trainings, some care taken.

8th Most friends are careful to inspect their affairs
in settle their accounts, friends generally careful as
to their promises, the payment of their debts, though not
without exceptions, we know not of any complaint in
the other part of that query.

Aug 9th Marriages all recorded, births &c. not all recorded, there are a few cases of removals without notification, which are mostly since notice.

10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders & to place judgment tho not always so seasonably as would be best.

which we forward together with the account to our next yearly meeting by our representatives, viz. Ashmore, Rowland Hamblin, Thomas Holder, Walter Allen & Nathan Brown, who are directed to report their attendance to next Quarter.

Smithsfield in their August meeting have appointed Zachariah a author to the relation of an Elder, after a time of solicitation thereon with the concurrence of the women's meeting we unite this with & forward the same to the yearly meeting. & Moses Sarnum is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly meeting thereof.

Smithsfield also inform they have paid our Treasurer their proportion of yearly meeting stock, & that monthly meetings are directed to pay theirs of yearly & quarterly meeting stock to our Treasurer & send an account thereof to next Quarter.

Woburn inform they have paid our Treasurer their proportion of the cost of Mansfield meeting house the other monthly meetings are directed to pay our Treasurer their share & send an account thereof to next Quarter and our Treasurer is directed to pay the same to John Heathman, we also direct our Treasurer to pay the yearly meeting's share of our proportion of said meeting's stock.

Two printed London Epistles one of which was read to satisfaction & the representatives are directed to distribute the same to the several monthly meetings.

The time for which the Clerk & assistant were appointed being expired the representatives are directed to consider who may be suitable they are to consult the friends and report to next Quarter.

9th Mo. 1810 90th
The Smithfield Quarterly meeting held at Better
9th of 9th Mo. 1810. Held at, from all our monthly
meeting the representatives therein named are for
Smithfield, Jesse Bailey, James Clemence & Thaddeus
Merr, Hobbs, Moses Farnum & Silas Earle, Minn
Samuel Tarnet & Naubem Randall, Bolton Calvin Gale
& David Smith who being called are all present except
Moses Farnum who sent a satisfactory reason for his
absence

The representatives report the names of Zadok Smith
for clerk & Gideon Mowry for assistant the year
commencing which meeting the approbation of this meeting
they are appointed accordingly -

The Quorum & answers have been read in this meeting
and also a summary which being agreeable is as follows

Ans^r 1st All our meetings have been attended then
on first days by the greater part of friends mind
- week meetings frequently small, friends
mostly careful to observe the hour, some app-
earance of sleeping, mostly clear of other unbecom-
ing behaviour in meetings

2^d Love & unity we think in a good degree main-
- tained, detraction mostly guarded against and
- ours are used to end differences when they have
arisen

10th A good degree of care generally taken to deal
with offenders & to place judgement, though
not always so seasonably as would be best -

The representatives to attend the yearly meeting
Report that they all attended & produced the following
extracts

Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island from the 10th to the 13th of Oct. Mo. 1810 inclusive

The Queries with answers thereto from the several Quarterly meetings were read in which awakened a concern in the minds of many friends that led to several feeling judicious remarks upon the deficiencies manifested in those answers particularly in the neglect of our religious meetings, giving way to idleness in some instances, a defect in love & unity & the improper use of spirituous liquors which we desire may be duly imprinted on our minds & transmitted by the representatives to the several Quarterly meetings with a caution that we carefully support our Christian testimony against war & not indulge a vain curiosity in attending trainings or any military exhibitions even as spectators.

It is proposed to raise the sum of \$900 for the present year of which the proportion of Smithfield Quarterly meeting is \$77

Saml. Rodman

Clerk to the meeting this year

which being read the present representatives are directed to transmit the extracts, transmit them to the several monthly meetings, also appportion our proportion of the yearly meeting stock & send the same to the monthly meetings who are directed to forward the same to the Treasurers of this meeting & so act to next Quarter

Richmond & Botton monthly meetings inform that they have paid their proportion of the yearly & Quarterly meeting stock. Smithfield, Richmond & Botton are directed to forward their proportion for building Mansfield meeting house

Boston monthly meeting inform that Folger Pope having desired an appeal from the judgment of that meeting & he appearing & wishing to enter the appeal it is entered accordingly and referred to next Quarter

11th Mo. 1810

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting held at Leicester St. of 11th Mo 1810. The Supersintending named in the act from the monthly meetings are for Smithfield Thomas Greene, Rowland Hathorn, Ezek. Sales, Roxbridge Elisha Arnold, Moses Tarnum Richmond, Levi Mardal, Elisha Harkness, Bolton Jonathan Fry & Thomas Watson, who being called are all present except Levi Mardal

Our esteemed friend John Winslow attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Falmouth monthly meeting dated 27th of 9th Mo 1810 whose whose company and religious services were acceptable to us

The Queries and answers from the several monthly meetings have been read in this meeting

The Case respecting Folger Pope's appeal coming again before this meeting, Amos Atch, Walter Allen, Moses Tarnum, Elisha Arnold, Wm Bassett, Nathan Harkness, Silas Earle, Jesse Batley and Zadok Smith being named & Folger not appearing ready to approve or disapprove of said names the matter is referred to next Quarter

Our Beloved friend Mary Barker attended this meeting with a certificate from Yarmouth Monthly

Meeting dated 27th of 9th Mo. 1810 and having previously attended several particular meetings belonging to this, whose company and religious services have been satisfactory to us an endorsement was presented from our women's meeting in favor of the aforesaid friend which being satisfactory to this meeting is directed to be entered on our Certificate & signed by the clerk

Also our beloved Friend, Sarah Wilbur attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from South Kingstown Monthly meeting dated 27th of 8th mo. 1810 whose company and religious services have been satisfactory to us. Also our Friend Lydia Thinyan companion to the aforesaid attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from the same Monthly meeting dated 22^d of 10th mo 1810 whose company was satisfactory to us.

This Meeting was informed that our esteemed friend, Rowland Greene and John Langford his companion have visited all the particular Meetings belonging to this Quarter, ^{whose company & religious services were} to the satisfaction of friends. The clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to East Greenwich monthly meeting on their behalf.

Smithfield monthly meeting inform they have paid their meetings Treasurers their proportion towards building Mansfield meeting house, Richmond & Bolton are desired to forward theirs to our treasurer, & an act to next Quarter.

The monthly meetings are desired to forward their proportion of Yearly meeting Stock to our Treasurer & an act to next Quarter.

2 Mo. 1811 {102}

A Smithfield Quarterly meeting of friends held at Smithfield the 14th of 2nd Mo. 1811 this act. from our several Monthly meetings the representatives therein named are for Smithfield, Job Chase, & Philip Holden & David Groves, Hobbins, Mary Carl & Houshannon, & Richmond, Israel Saben & Ezek Cook, Bolton, Josiah Badcock, Thomas Watson & David Smith, wherein ladies were all present except David Groves.

The Quiries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our several Monthly meetings.

A Smithfield Monthly meeting informs this that they had united with their women's meeting in appointing the public appearance, in the ministry, of Hircia Thomson this meeting unites with that, and our women Quarterly meeting therein.

The case of Volger Pope coming again before this meeting and he being present and appearing satisfied with the counsel named at last Quarter, they are directed to hear and determine on said appeal and report to next Quarter.

This meeting was informed that our beloved friend Edward Brooks & companion John Pennock had attended most of the particular meetings and some of the Monthly meetings belonging to this Quarterly meeting, their company and religious services have been satisfactory to friends. The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to London Grove Monthly meeting Chester County, Pennsylvania.

The Clerk informed that he had forwarded a copy of a minute to East Greenwich Monthly meeting as directed at last Quarter.

The time for which the treasures of the meeting
was appointed being expired Joshua Longdon, Howard
Peabody & Moses Sarnum are appointed to settle his
accounts, consider who may be suitable for a treasurer
and a sum necessary for the year ensuing and report
to next Quarter.

Richmond Monthly meeting informed they had
paid our treasurer their proportion towards building
Mansfield meeting house, Bolton monthly meeting is directed
to forward theirs & an acct thereof to next Quarter, Webber
inform they have paid our treasurer their proportion of
yearly meeting stock, the other Monthly meetings are directed
to pay our treasurer theirs and send an account thereof
to next Quarter.

Richmond also inform that the meeting house at
Pelham is completed and the cost thereof amounted to \$269
of which \$155.69 remains unpaid which sum the
present representatives are directed to apportion yearly
down to the several Monthly meetings who are directed to
raise the same and forward to our treasurer & an acct thereof
to next Quarter.

5th Mo. 1811

At a Quarterly meeting of senior A.B.
at Pelham 5th Mo. 1811 held at the
house of our several monthly meetings the representa-
tives therein named are for Amherst Chas. Smith,
Wm. Arnold, Webber, Moses Sarnum & Geo. L.
Smith. The names of the several monthly meetings
were read and it was thought & determined as was being with
all present except Jonathan Fry who sent a
satisfactory reason for his absence.

1st The various meetings from the several monthly meetings have been read in this meeting, and also a summary written by one of our friends with reference to the yearly meeting by our representatives, James Smith, John Eddy, Thomas Holder & Daniel H. Nichols, who are directed to attend to their appointment and report to next year's meeting.

2^d The meetings for worship & discipline attended more faithfully by the most of friends who work in the meetings, too much neglected in most places. The house generally, secured a few friends frequently overtaken with sleep, their unbecoming behavior mostly due to Love & unity in a few degrees maintained, & strictly, mostly guarded against, are taken to our displeasure when they have arisen.

3^d Friends are mostly careful to bring up those and their direction in plainness as Lares and to restrain from reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the world who are generally exemplary themselves. The scriptures are read in private families.

4th Friends are mostly careful as to spirituous liquors and the unnecessary frequenting of places of public resort, moderation & temperance generally observed on the other occasions.

5th No man of complaint came to our knowledge except one, placed out from among friends which is under notice.

6th Friends are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th We believe our testimony is maintained in the clearest part of that query.

8th Friends are not all so careful to settle their accounts as might be best, mostly careful as to promises, for debt, & also to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Sept. 1st Marriages all recorded. Deaths and
burials not all. a few cases of removals under
care —

10th. There is a good degree of ease among friends
to deal with opinions are generally to place
judgment according to discipline —

Sellen Monthly meeting in their account inform
that they have appointed Jonathan Fry to the station
of an elder this meeting after cordially considering the
same unite with them therein having the unity of our
common Quarterly meeting. Saml Bally is appointed
to inform the Elder + Quarterly meeting thereof and
report to next quarter

The Comtee in the case of Tolgers & Pease inform
that they have paid attention to the matter but are
not ready to report if case is referred under the
care of the Committee and they desire to report to
next Quarter

The Comtee to settle the Treasurer's accounts
report as follows — To Southfield Quarterly meeting
to be held in the 3rd month — We gave Comtee to
settle the Treasurer's accounts, inform, we have all the
to our appointment & found in his hands a balance
due to this meeting of \$23.57 1/2 and propose to raise
the sum of \$40 to supply the Treasurer for the year
ensuing — 14th & 22nd Nov. 1811

Robert Parsons
Lydia Cingam
Howland Nathaniel

which is accepted and propose Howland Nathaniel for
Treasurer which being satisfactory he is appointed
accordingly and the monthly meeting is directed
to forward their proportion of the \$40 agreeable to the
last apportionment, to the Treasurer and an account
thereof to next Quarter William Ruffum is appointed to

remove the book and money in the former treasure
 hands to the present and record to next Quarter

The clerk informs that he has forwarded a copy
 of a minute is directed in favor of 'Edward Brooks
 and companion' -

Our treasurer is directed to forward our propo-
 sition of the yearly meeting held to the treasurer of
 that meeting

This meeting sees twenty printed yeoman
 Epistles from the yearly meeting of London in
 1811 one of which has been read to great satisfaction
 the representations are directed to arise the same and
 carry to the several monthly meetings

Boston inform that they have paid our treasurer
 their proportion towards building a Mansions meeting
 house, at Northfield & Boston that they have paid their
 proportion of yearly meeting stock, Richmond is
 directed to pay theirs to the treasurer and send an
 account to next Quarter, Haverhill inform that they
 have paid their proportion of building Belham meeting
 house, the other monthly meetings are directed to
 pay our treasurer theirs and send an account thereof
 to next Quarter

P. B. M. 1811

at Northfield Quarterly meeting held at North
 Sept 18th 1811. The representatives named in
 in the several acts are for Northfield Amos Thayer
 Jonathan Hovey & Philip Nathan Hovey George Frost
 & Joseph Allen, Richmond Benjamin Foster & John Hand
 Boston Josiah Bidwell & James W. May & others
 others are all present

Our minutes are answered from the several quarterly
 meetings have been read in the meeting

The representation is within the yearly meeting
report they all allow
This meeting read the extracts from the yearly
meeting minutes & a transcript of an epistle
from the yearly meeting of London for 1810 all of
which have been read to satisfaction & extracts
were as followeth - Extracts from the minutes
of the yearly meeting of friends held on these days
for New England by adjournments from the 15th
of October to the 17th of the same 1811 inclusive -

Since which Quarterly meeting proposing that
their meeting in future be held on the first
5th day in the seventh month at Newmarket
in the 10th month at Salisbury in the 12th month
and 4th of November at New Bedford with which this
meeting unite the attention to take place in
the 10th month meet - - -

The subject relative to the situation of our
present school pains coming before this meeting
it is concluded to refer to the minutes of 1803
upon that subject and Monthly & Quarterly meeting
are requested to promote subscriptions as they
recommend - The subject of inspection
Testimonies & memorials of deceased friends claim
our sole attention it is concluded that they have
the inspection of the meeting for reviewing, after
having the representation of the Quarterly meeting
previous to this day presents to the yearly meeting

This meeting rather on this to raise I see the
ensuing year of which I with friends quarterly meeting
proposition is 1877 which they are desired to bring
to the yearly meeting's transaction - - -

Witnessed and signed on behalf of the meeting by
Abraham Lewis Clerk

Extract of the Minute of the Yearly
meeting in 1813 respecting the recom-
mendation of subscriptions to increase the Yearly
meeting school fund

This meeting feeling a renewed concern
that the rising object of establishing a free
for the promotion of a general education may
still be kept in view & be put as soon as
possible & it can be usefully effected, to recommend
to the several Districts this monthly meeting
to encourage friends to a liberal subscription.

Extracted by Robert M. Brownman

exhibited by the anniversary the Liberators from the
specimen Quarterly meetings our minds have been
affected with the deficiencies & apparent thinness &
deep concern felt upon the sorrowful occasion men-
tioned in a timely expression upon these incommen-
surate with our help production without descending
into every particular at this time hoping that the
minds of Friends in the meetings subordinate to this
may be impressed with the necessity of vigilance & that
as far as practicable each concerned friend may become
& consider himself an overseer (I act with the qualifications
that wisdom will confer) over himself & such of his brethren
as he may discover an abatement of zeal, or want of
concern in, in the due attendance of our meetings for
worship & discipline, or in such as do attend giving way
to a drowsy propensity therein. And as the spirit of detrac-
tion of very pernicious consequence in religious as well as
civil society is noted in more or not all the answers
in a way that we have cause to fear every monthly meeting

more or less affected by some of its members, not
sufficiently regarding the advice of the Apostle to
"Bridle their tongues" by which satulatory counsel,
if duly observed their minds would be gradually sweeten,
so that nothing injurious to the character of another
would proceed from them. We exhort friends to be
guarded against a practice so destructive.

It is also with feelings of regret & mortification
that we have found the answer manifesting in many
instances, that some of our members give way to
the degrading practice of the frequent use of spirit-
uous liquors, as this evil and weakness may be claim-
ed among the enormities that are only to be found amongst
the degenerate. We believe it right to refer to our salutary
discipline and where after due admonition & a reasonable
obedience, such as become so lost to a sense of the requi-
sitions of truth, their own character and the happiness
& comfort of their families, necessarily involved, as to
persevere therein without hopes of being reclaimed;
We recommend to Monthly meetings to remove the
reproach of their conduct by disownment.

The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of
this minute to the respective Quarterly meetings.

Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly
Meetings of friends held on Rhode Island for
New England from the 15th to the 19th of the
6th Mo inclusive 1811 by Obadiah Davis (Ck)

David Smith, Thomas Day & John the Clerk
 are appointed to transcribe & to make an
 transcript of Epistle and verse down to the verse
 monthly meetings who are to act as to act
 to the matters and forward this proposition
 of 47 dollars our proportion of yearly stock
 agreeable to the appointment of last Quarter
 we are account to this meeting the Clerk
 and Assistant are directed to forward a copy
 of this minutes to the several monthly
 meetings Jesse Batley informed that he has
 informed the select Quarterly meeting according
 to a appointment The Committee in the case
 of Dolger Pope report in writing which being
 read is agreed on in matters

To Smithfield Quarterly meeting this day to
 be held at Botton, We agree to appoint a man
 to determine upon the appeal of Dolger Pope
 from the judgments of Botton monthly meeting
 and also to report that we have had several
 monthly opportunities upon the matter and had
 him of the County appointed from Botton monthly
 meeting to represent the case on their behalf &
 it is our opinion that the judgment of Botton
 monthly meeting ought to be confirmed

24th of Decr 1811

David Smith
 John Day
 John Allen
 John Turner
 John East
 John Allen

in the judgment of the Com. monthly meeting
is confirmed accordingly & the clerk is directed
to furnish that meeting with a copy of the
minutes -

The time for the next meeting of the
of the meeting near appointed being expired the
present after consultation are directed to consider what
may be suitable for the appointment, consult
the friends on the subject and report to next meeting
the time for the next meeting is now in session

At a monthly Quarterly meeting
applicable to appointments & have received
from brother & have the former treasurer the book
of one hundred and twenty five Dollars & five
cents in money being the account in his hands
and deliver the book and money to brother
the present treasurer -

Resolved 10th 1811

At a monthly Quarterly meeting held at Leicester
4th of 11th mo. 1811 - here acts from order
of association the representatives
main named are for Antislavery, Thomas Storer &
Jonathan Brown, Hebron Hill, Earle & others
Richard Colecraft & David Hamal, Bolton, David
Smith & Jonathan Fry who being called are all present
except Thomas Storer

It is resolved Francis David & Jane Gove attend this
meeting with 2 copies of minutes from their
monthly meeting held 10th mo. 17th 1811 & he being a
minister & he are elders in esteem there whose com-
-pany & religious services were acceptable to us &
the clerk are directed to furnish them with a
copy of their minutes -

(12)
The resolutions about the names of Friends
moving for Clerk and Daniel Wheeler assistant who
which being agreeable to this meeting they are
appointed accordingly for the year ensuing.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with
answers thereto from our several monthly meetings.

Smithfield in this account propose whether it
may not be best to build a meeting house on a lot
of land belonging to friends near Sandle Smith,
(Hendon) whereupon we appoint Richard Henry
& Captain Wheeler, W^m Bassett, Abner Farnum, Thomas
Holder, Walter Allen, Jonathan Henry W^m Buffum
& Eliza Taft. to make a visit to that particular
meeting & consider of the subject & report to
next Quarter what in their judgement may be
best to do in such case.

Smithfield & Hildridge inform that they
have paid our Treasurer their proportion of Quaterly
stock the ~~other~~ ^{next} month are decided to pay out
Treasurer their proportion of yearly meeting stock
& send an act to next Quarter.

2nd Mo 1812

A Quaterly meeting of friends held at and for
Smithfield the 1st of 2nd Mo 1812 read acts
from our several monthly meetings the substantiated
therein named are for Smithfield are Saml Tammam &
Nathan Throck, Hildridge, Jesse Eddy & Abner Farnum,
Richmond, Darling & Abner & Cyrus Bassett, Bolton
Saml Wheeler & James M. Fry who being called are
all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting &
answers thereto from our several monthly meetings.

The Comtee in the care of of Smithfield
proposition for building a meeting house in season
make the following report.

So Smithfield Quarterly meeting to be held
in the 2^d month next. We of your comtee appointed
in consequence of a proposal from Smithfield monthly
meeting to build a meeting house in season, have
made a visit in the neighbourhood consulted with &
heard the proposals of friends there & are of opinion that
it is necessary they are accommodated with a better
suitable house. & we propose that one be built on the
lot of ground proposed by Smithfield monthly meeting
28 ft square, 12 ft front with a porch 8 ft square
over the front door - Friends in that neighbourhood
have subscribed about \$300 towards it.

Walter Allen
Moses Isaacson
Peleg Taft

Wm Buffum
Wm Bassett
Thomas Holden

Which being agreeable to this meeting. Smithfield
monthly meeting are directed to build it, collect
what money is subscribed by friends in that neighbour-
hood and report the remainder expense thereof to this
meeting when accomplished the clerk is directed to
furnish 2^d meeting with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Josiah Tuglass & his
companion Edward (who have acceptably attended some
monthly are a considerable part of the particular
meeting belonging to this quarter. The Clerk is directed
to forward a copy of this minute to them.

Josiah (who informed this meeting in writing
that he designed to appear from the fragment of
this meeting in confirming the judgement of Belcher

monthly meeting whereupon we appoint Walter Allen
Ladok Smith, Daniel Wheeler, & Isaac Tamm Richard
Hoy & Scotland Mathison to represent the case on
behalf of this meeting before the yearly meeting, com to

Bottom monthly meeting inasmuch they have
perceived this proposition of telling meeting house
and quarterly meeting stock and Smithfield their of
yearly meeting stock to our treasurer the other meeting
are directed to forward their proposition of yearly meeting
stock and an account thereof to next quarter

5th Mo. 1812

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of friends
held at Northbridge 14th of 5th Mo. 1812. present
from our several monthly meetings the representa-
tives their names are for Smithfield Jos. Chase,
Morris Adrich & Daniel Inman, Northbridge, George
Lamistock & Jonathan Shove, Richmond, Peleg Taft &
Wm. Harsett, Bolton, Jonathan Fry & David Smith
who being called are all present

The Queries have been read in this meeting
with answers thereto from all our monthly meetings
from which general answers were complete which
being satisfactory to this meeting is as follows -

Ans: All meetings have been attended, (except one
Small meeting, ^{on one day} by reason of inclemency of
the weather,) by the greatest part of our
members, except those on week days which
are frequently small, the house is generally
observed, not all preserved from sleep not
much other unbecoming behaviour observed in our
meeting

Asp. 2nd Love and unity are in a good degree maintained thro. there is too much lack of it among us, most friends are careful to guard against detraction, no differences to our knowledge

3rd There is a too general neglect in the members of some of our meetings to bring up their children in plainness of speech apparel &c., generally careful to restrain from reading pernicious books, & corrupt conversation, the scriptures usually read in most of our families, but by some too much neglected

4th Most friends are careful in the use of spirituous liquors, yet we believe that too much of it is used among us, we know of no unnecessary frequenting of taverns or places of public resort, immoderation is observed on the account of marriages births burials & other occasions.

5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected & their necessities relieved, friends children kept among friends,

6th Parents & heads of families mostly careful in respect to marriage, tho. we fear the young and unmarried are not all so careful as would be best.

7th We believe our testimony is generally maintained in those respects.

8th Friends are not so generally careful to settle their accounts as would be best, mostly careful to fulfill promises to pay just debts, & live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Marriages all recorded, births, deaths & burials not fully attended to, several cases of removals without certificate, which are under care.

10th There is a care preserved amongst us to deal with offenders & to place judgement according to discipline.

Which together with the account we forward to the
 yearly meeting by our representatives Thomas Aldrich,
 Moses Farnum, Thomas Holder, & Royal Southwick, who
 are directed to report their attendance to next Quarter.

Uxbridge inform they have paid our treasurer
 their proportion of yearly meeting stock, Richmond & Bolton
 are directed to forward theirs to our treasurer & send
 an account thereof to next Quarter.

This meeting recd. a number of printed London
 Epistles one of which was read to good satisfaction the
 representatives are directed to divide & carry them
 down to the several monthly meetings.

The time for which the treasurer of this
 meeting was appointed being expired Elisha Arnold,
 Daniel Inman, Zachary Southwick & Gideon Morry
 are appointed to settle his accounts consider what
 sum may be necessary to raise also who may be
 suitable for treasurer the ensuing year & report to
 next Quarter.

Judge Pope informed this meeting in writing
 that he had not a prospect of pursuing his appeal
 at the ensuing yearly meeting but wishing a recon-
 sideration of the judgment of this meeting concerning
 Thomas Holder & Daniel Wheeler are appointed to in-
 form him that this meeting does not see proper
 to do any thing further in the matter but have
 forwarded the same to the yearly meeting & that
 if he ~~wishes~~ is not ready, for him to inform
 the yearly meeting accordingly & the clerk is
 directed to furnish them with a copy of this
 minute.

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8th Mo. 1812

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of friends
held at Bolton 13th of 8th mo. 1812 Read
acts from our several monthly meetings the
representatives therein named are for Smithfield
Jacobus Southwick, Mney Thomson & Walter
Allen, Wobridge, Silas Earle & Joseph Bassett,
Richmond, John Younglove & Heuben Mandel,
Bolton James M. Fry & Stephen S. Southwick who
being called are all present except John Younglove
who sent a satisfactory reason for his absence —

Our esteemed friend Micajah Collins attended
this meeting with a copy of a minute from Salem
monthly meeting held 9th of 7th mo 1812 expressive
of his being a member of that meeting & minister
in unity with them whose company & services
have been acceptable to us —

Our esteemed friend Daniel Howland attended
this meeting with a copy of a minute from Green-
wich monthly meeting held at East Greenwich 3^d
of 8th mo. 1812 Expressive of his being a minister
in unity with them whose company & services
have been acceptable to us —

Also our esteemed friend Sylvester Wick, attended
this meeting as companion for Daniel Howland
from Greenwich monthly meeting held 3^d of 8th
month 1812 expressive of his being an elder in unity
with them whose company & services have
been acceptable to us — — — — —
one which minutes endorsements were entered &
and signed by the clerk — — — — —

Our esteemed friend Richard Morry opened in this meeting a concern ^{which} has attended his mind for a considerable time to make a religious visit to friends within the verge of Easton and Farmington Quarterly meetings with which they meeting unites, also, a certificate from Uxbridge monthly meeting, on which an endorsement was entered expressive of our sympathy & unity with him in his visit & signed by the Clerk.

The friends appointed to settle the Treasurers ~~act~~ made the following report —

To Smithfield Quarterly meeting next to be holden at Bolton. We your comtee to settle the Treasurers accounts have attended to our appointment & found in his hands a balance due to the meeting of sixty two dollars — And propose Haiford Forty dollars to supply the Treasurers the ensuing year, also propose Howland Hathbarn for Treasurer.

It appears Richmond monthly meeting has not paid in, to the Treasurers their proportion of Pelham meeting house, yearly ~~meeting~~ Quarterly meeting stock, & Bolton monthly meeting of yearly meeting stock 7 mo. 11th 1812 Elisha. ~~trond~~ Lachun Southwick, Daniel Inman & Gideon

Morry — which being agreeable to this meeting the representatives are directed to apposition the same & carry down to the monthly meeting who are directed to raise the same & forward to our Treas. & send an account to next Quarter. Howland

Hathbarn is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year —

Richmond inform that they have paid
one Treas^r their proportion of Yearly & Quarterly
meeting stock & also of Telling Meeting House
Bottom is directed to forward their of Yearly
meeting stock to our Treas^r and an account to
next Quarter

The Queries have been read in this meety
with ans^r thereto from the several monthly
meetings

The representatives to the yearly meeting inform
that they attended & produced a number of private epistles
from our Yearly meeting one of which with the
extracts were read to satisfaction and are as follows

From our Yearly meeting of Friends held at
Newport, from the 14th of the 6th mo. 1812 to the
17th of the same, inclusive - To the Quarterly &
Monthly meetings hereunto belonging

Dear friends - During our deliberations in this our
large assembly, we have felt much concern & solicited
for the welfare of our brethren & sisters, who, though
not present with us at this season, are united in
a common interest, in those duties in which our faith
our prosperity & individual happiness are essentially
involved: - And our solicitude hath been for all our
members, whether absent or present, that we may
experience an increased concern to know our obedience
keep pace with knowledge; so shall we be the favored
of the Lord, and witness our establishment to be
upon that foundation which will be immovable. While
we lament that there are many, who, by neglecting to
give attention to the divine light graciously manifested

in man, are suffering very great loss, we have comfort in believing, that there are others in each meeting, who are measurably given up to "seek the Lord for their portion, and the God of Jacob for the lot of their inheritance". May these be encouraged to labour more fervently for an advancement in the precious cause of truth, whereby they will be enabled, both by example & precept, to encourage their brethren to a faithful discharge of their several duties - One of these, and a very important one, is that of attending religious meetings, a duty we owe to the great & benevolent author of every favour we enjoy, both of a spiritual & temporal nature. How can we expect the continuation of his favours, if we do not feel love sufficient to be willing to bear a public testimony to his name, by assembling with his people to render that homage & adoration which we owe to him.

We have been seriously affected with the consideration, that we are assembled at a season in which calamities of various kind pervade the earth; some of which have nearly approached our borders; & that from the prevailing commotions that appear to agitate the councils of nations, others may be fearfully anticipated. We feel concerned to communicate to you some advice upon this subject from our brethren, at their late Yearly meeting at Philadelphia, to their members, viz: Having at the present season renewedly felt that the testimony we hold against wars & fighting is of very great importance, not only as it

relates to ourselves & our country, but also as
 it regards the great family of mankind; it has
 appeared a duty to address you on this very interest-
 ing subject: if, for a special purpose, we are separ-
 ated from many others who profess the name of
 Christ, & if this purpose be, that we might show
 forth by an innocent non-resisting spirit, the
 redeeming power of the principle of truth, we
 are placed in a very responsible station; & to
 fulfill the duties thereof, we must carefully at-
 tend to the charge of our blessed Lord, "What I
 say unto you, I say unto all, Watch."—Hence, as
 our own spirits resignedly submit to the influence
 of the Divine spirit, we learn obedience to his
 blessed will; & until we experience this, we cannot
 expect to be as lights in the world, nor will it be
 possible to manifest in life & practice that we are
 made free from that spirit which stands in oppo-
 sition to the peaceable government of Christ. By
 the testimony of those who have been thus intro-
 duced & disciplined, we find they could rejoice that
 they were counted worthy to suffer for his name;
 they knew him to be their all in all, & therefore
 as they were quickened & actuated by his spirit,
 all worldly objects & interest were held in a state
 of subserviency or secondary point of view. Such
 dedicated followers abiding in the meekness & gentle-
 ness of their heavenly Leader, the tenets of their lives
 & doctrines bore a constant & firm testimony.

against the corruptions consequent upon the
 indulgence of the fallen will & wisdom of man.
 The apostle James who was fully acquainted with
 the root & origin of wars & fightings, thus clearly
 points it out - "From whence come wars & fighting
 come they not hence, even of your lusts?" Among our
 worthy predecessors there were many witnesses to the
 truth of this testimony of the apostle, who, knowing
 that this scourge of mankind was an evil produced
 by a practical conformity to fallen nature, were fervently
 engaged to hold up the light of the gospel as an in-
 estimable guide, & the only means whereby we might
 individually experience the blessed reign of the Messiah
 in ourselves, & be thereby instrumental in hastening
 the coming of that day spoken of by the prophets
 Isaiah & Micah, when nation should not lift
 up sword against nation, nor the people learn
 war any more. May friends then every where
 show that they are walking by the same rule
 & minding the same thing; thus strength will
 be experienced to keep upon the immovable founda-
 tion, the corner stone, elect & precious, which God
 hath laid in Zion." In the present agitation
 of the public mind, when the peace & prosperity
 of our country, with the calamities & horrors of
 War, appear to be suspended, as it were in an
 even balance, it highly behoves us as a people,
 to be particularly on our guard against the insin-
 uating nature of the spirit of party; & if any,
 upon a careful examination, discovers that from

this as any other case, or however unintentionally, they have placed their weight, however small, in the balance against our peaceable profession & testimony we tenderly & affectionately entreat them to make a solemn pause.

And dear young friends, we wish it were possible to convey to your minds a sense of the fervent solicitude we feel on your account; for you our petitions are frequently offered, that you may become so deeply sensible of the excellence of a life of virtue & piety, as, individually to adopt the noble resolution — "Let others do as they may, as for me, I will serve the Lord." We are very sensible that the allurements of vice & folly, and many fascinating forms, are continually besetting your path; we tenderly sympathize with you herein, & those are who would willingly be led into suffering for you, could it effect your emancipation from every hurtful bandage. But as you are disposed to seek after Divine assistance, you will experience an answer coming; & we trust there are many amongst you who will yet evince that the testimonies given us to bear are dear to them. — The time will soon arrive when their support will depend upon you; & let us entreat you to consider, that by living conformably to the pure precepts of Christianity you will appear amongst men with that dignity of character, which no qualification independant of them can confer, & will enjoy that happiness which can be derived from no other source, even the happiness

resulting from a life useful to your contemporaries
and acceptable in the Divine sight.

In the love of the gospel we salute you,
and are your friends. Signed on behalf of the
meeting, by Samuel Hodgman, Clerk this
year

The Yearly Meeting having concluded to
raise one thousand dollars for the stock of the
present year & mitts. Q. Quarterly meeting
proportion as apportioned by the representation
is eighty ~~eight~~ dollars to be paid to Rhoads. N.
Brown Treasurer of the Yearly meeting

Agreeably to a proposition from Salem
an alteration of the places of holding two of
their Quarterly meetings is agreed to viz. that
one be held at Berwick in the 8th month to be
held at Salem & that now held at Salem in the
10th month to be held at Ware at the same
time & months as heretofore. The alterations
to take place next year — Extracted from
the minutes of 1812 by Samuel Hodgman
(Clerk to the Yearly meeting this year —)

And the present representations are directed
to carry the epistles to the several monthly
meetings & also apportion the \$86 our proportion
of Yearly meeting stock & carry down & report
the apportionment to next Quarter & the mo.
meetings are directed to pay the same to our
treasurers & send an account to next Quarter —

Richmond inform that they with the concu-
rence of their women's meeting have appointed

Ezek. Cooke to the station of an elder the consideration of which this meeting refers under the care of George Comstock & Israel Taber to next Quarters

The time for which the clerk & assistant of this meeting were appointed being expired the representatives are directed to consider who may be suitable therefor, consult the friends & report to next Quarters

11th Mo. 1812

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Lincote 12th of 11th mo. 1812
 There were present from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are Josiah Smith, Elisha Kelley, Peleg Eldrich & Wm. Buffum, Abner McBridge, Elisha Arnold & Jesse Cady, William McBridge, David Randall & Elisha Starkness, Batten, Josiah Madcock & Samuel Wheeler, who being called are all present

The representatives to last Quarters made the following report — The representatives have apportioned the Smithfield Quarterly meeting's proportion of yearly meeting stock being \$86 as follows

	Smithfield	\$31.00
	McBridge	31
	Richmond	14.50
	Botton	10.50

which is in conformity to the apportionment last year — And the Quarterly meeting stock

in the same way - We also propose Geo.
 Henry & Samuel Wheeler for clerk & assistant
 the ensuing year - All which is submitted
 & signed on behalf of the representatives
 11th mo 10th 1812 by Walter Allen

Which being agreeable, is accepted and Geo.
 Henry is appointed clerk & Samuel Wheeler assist-
 ant for the ensuing year. The clerk is directed
 to forward the apportionment to the mo.
 meetings.

The Queries have been read in this meeting
 with answers thereto from our several monthly
 meetings.

The subject of appointing Ezek Cook to the
 station of an elder coming before this meeting
 & the friends who had the care thereof reporting
 in favour this meeting with the concurrence
 of our women's meeting unite with Guilford
 monthly meeting in the appointment -

The women's meeting informed they had
 united with Bolton monthly meeting in
 appointing Hannah Foster to the station of
 an elder, with which this meeting unites.
 Bolton monthly meeting informed that
 they had ~~united with their select meeting~~
 in the appointment of David Smith to the
 place of an elder, with which this meeting
 with the concurrence of our women's meeting
 unites, Moses Latham is appointed to

inform the select Quarterly meeting
thereof, also of our meeting in the appoint-
ment of such Cook & Harrah, Voters & the
place of eders, report to next Quarters

This meeting recd information by the
monthly meetings that our esteemed friend
Elijah Gray had attended several of the
monthly, & all the particular meetings
belonging to this Quarter with a certificate
from Monks-ton monthly meeting & that of
Dermont, whose company & services in the
ministry were sound & acceptable - also
that our esteemed friend Nicholas Watley his
companion had attended 3 meetings with
a copy of a minute from the afforesd meeting
whose company was acceptable - The clerk
is directed to forward a copy of this minute
to that meeting - And report to next Quarters

Monks-ton monthly meeting inform the
have forwarded their proportion of yearly
meeting stock for 1811

The mo. meetings are directed to forward
their proportion of yearly & Quarterly meeting
stock for 1812 & an act thereof to next
Quarters

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A Quarterly Meeting of friends held at
Smithfield 11th of 2nd mo. 1813 - Remains
from our several monthly meetings the
representatives therein named are for ~~the~~
Smithfield Philip Walder, Walter Allen, Stephen
Morris & Seth Kelly, Abner, Janah Earle &
Abner Morris, Richmond, Samuel Janett &
Ezek Cook, Bolton Janah Barock & Stephen S,
Southwick who being called are all present except
Seth Kelly who sent a satisfactory reason for his
absence

Our esteemed friend Micajah Collins attended
this meeting with a copy of a minute from
Salem Monthly meeting dated 14th of 1st mo 1813
expressive of his being a minister in unity, when
company & religious services have been acceptable
to us. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a
copy of this minute

The queries have been read in this meeting with
answers thereto from our several monthly meetings

The friend appointed ~~reports~~ he has informed
the Select Quarterly meeting of our writing with
the appointment of Ezek Cook, David Smith &
Hannah Hodges to the place of clerk

The clerk informs he has forwarded a copy
of the minute on behalf of our friends Elijah
Harg & Nicholas Watley agreeable to the direc-
tion of last Quarter

Smithfield inform that the meeting house at Mendon is finished the expense of which was \$525 - Friends of that neighborhood had subscribed \$260 & now remain unpaid \$265 which the Clerk is directed to apportion agreeable to the last appointment & forward to the several monthly meetings who are directed to raise the same & forward to our treasurer & an account to next Quarter

The monthly meetings are desired to forward their proportions of Yearly & Quarterly meeting stock for 1812 to our treasurer & an account to next Quarter -

Folger Pope informed this meeting in writing that he designed prosecuting his appeal before the ensuing Yearly meeting which is referred to next Quarter -

3th mo. 1813 - - - -

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of friends held at Westbridge 13th of 3rd mo. 1813 - The accounts from our several monthly meetings the representation therein made are for Smithfield Benja^l Bailey Seth Helly & John Osborn, Westbridge, John Eddy & Elisha Truett, Richmond, Wm^l Bassett & Benja^l Toker, Bolton Dan^l Whaler & Jm^l Fry. who being called were all present -

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answer thereto from our several monthly meetings from which general answers were

130 to the yearly meeting
considered & forwarded together with the accounts
by our representatives Thomas Greene, Jonathan Stry,
Royal Southwick & Amos Alrich who are directed
to report their attendance to next Quarter

Our treasurer is directed to pay the yearly meeting
treasurers our proportion of yearly meeting stock

This meeting read the following extracts from the
meeting for sufferings

"This meeting having for several
years made general provision for the accommodation
of friends during their attendance of the yearly meeting
at Newport, but finding it attended with inconve-
niences which have been exercising & uneasy to many
friends we have now concluded, under the present pec-
uliar circumstances & after solemnly considering the
subject, to make but limited provision for the
present year, to extend to those only who may feel
a concern to attend the meeting & apprehend them-
selves unable to defray their own expenses

Friends who have not sufficient knowledge of
suitable places where they may accommodate them-
selves as well as those for whom provision is made
during the holding the yearly meeting, are desired to
apply to the Committee of Rhode Island monthly meeting
for such information - Extract from the minutes
of the meeting for sufferings held at East Greenwich
the 5th & 6th days of the 5 month 1813

Samuel Rodman Clerk

which were read and the Clerk is directed to transmit copies thereof to the several monthly meetings.

The case of Judge Pope coming before this meeting the committee heretofore appointed upon the matter are directed to attend thereto according to appointment & report to next Quarter, & Disposal of names of the committee were inserted in the account to the yearly meeting.

Danl. Inman & Jesse Eddy are appointed to settle the Treasurers ac^{ts}, consider what sum may be necessary to raise, who may be suitable for Treasurer the ensuing year & report to next Quarter.

Walter Allen informed this meeting that he had rec^d a number of printed London Epistles, which he & John Osborne are directed to forward to the monthly meetings.

Smithfield & Whetbridge inform they have paid this meeting's Treasurer their proportion of Yearly meeting Stock, Richmond, theirs of Yearly & Quarterly meeting Stock, Bolton theirs of Quarterly meeting Stock, they are directed to forward theirs of Yearly meeting Stock.

The monthly meetings are directed to forward their several proportions of expense of building London meeting house to our Treasurer, & account to next Quarter.

Ann. 1st All our meetings have been attended, and those on first days by the greater part of friends. Midweek meetings not so fully attended, the hour generally observed, not all preserved from sleeping or other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear

2nd Love & Unity in some good degree maintained among most friends, Detraction somewhat too not enough guarded against by all, when differences arise endeavours are used to end them

3rd Friends are mostly careful to bring up their undec. their care in plainness &c. no pernicious books or that we know of, friends mostly exemplary themselves the scriptures frequently read in their families

4th Friends are not all so careful in regard to spirituous liquors, & attending places of public resort as queried some care taken, clear as to the other parts of that query

5th Pretty good care taken as respects that query

6th Friends are mostly careful as to marriages, that they be conformable to our discipline

7th Our testimony pretty well maintained on those accounts except a few instances of attending training care taken

8th Some friends not so careful to settle their affairs as might be best, mostly faithful to their promises & careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th Marriages recorded, Births, deaths & burials somewhat neglected, some removals without certificates, care taken

10 A good degree of care for regular dealing & placing of judgement according to discipline

It a Smithfield Quarterly meeting of friends held at
 Bottom 12th of 8 m: 1813 received acct from our several
 monthly meetings. The representatives therein named
 are for Smithfield (Wm) Ratchel & Benedict Remington
 Exbridge Fern Eddy & George Cornsall Richmond
 Cyril Garmey & Rufus Randol Bottom Henry Sawyer
 & Calvin Gates who being called are all present except
 Cyril Garmey who this meeting was informed was
 absent by reason of sickness in his family

The Records have been read in this meeting with answers
 thereto from our several monthly meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly meeting report
 they all attended & produce the following extracts
 from its meetings minutes. Smithfield Quarterly
 meetings proportion of Yearly meeting stock is
 sixty eight dollars. Extracted from the minutes of
 the same - Held at Newport from the 14th of 6 m:
 to the of the same inclusive 1813

which was read & the monthly meetings are directed to
 raise the same & forward to our treasurer & an acct. thereof
 to next Yearly

The Committee to represent this meeting before the
 Yearly meetings committee in the case of Folger Phips
 appeal inform they have paid the necessary attention
 thereto but the matter is continued by the Yearly
 meeting until their next annual sitting, they are
 still continued & desired to report to this meeting
 when the matter is decided.

The committee to settle the Treasurers acct made the
 following report. To Smithfield Quarterly meeting & paid
 next to be held at Bottom we your committee to settle
 the Treasurers account have attended to our appointment
 & find a balance in his hands of forty four dollars
 & eighty six cents & there appears due to the committee

and three appears due the committee toward building meeting house. Eighty. Three dollars & Richmond & Lottan monthly meetings have not paid their proportion of expense toward building said house & Bolton have not paid their proportion of Yearly meetings stock for 1812 & that Richmond have not paid their proportion of Quarterly meeting stock for 1810 & 1811 & we propose the sum of forty dollars for the Quarterly meetings stock for 1812 & Stanton & Lottan for Treasurer Dth m^o 1st 1813

Jesse Eddy

James Sherman

who is accepted & Abner Kithburn is accordingly appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year & the monthly meetings are directed to raise the 40 Dollars agreeable to the last apportionment & forward to our Treasurer & an account to next Quarter.

At bridge in their next inform that our beloved friend Royal Burdick has not for some considerable time an engaging concern upon his mind to make a religious visit to friend Nathan of the Southwesterly part of Westport Yearly meeting which claiming the solid consideration of this meeting we felt unity with him therein & an Endowment Expressing the same was entered on a certificate Granted by Westbridge monthly meeting Wm Buffum & Sarah - have are appointed to take the necessary care in the matter.

The women inform they have united with Richmond monthly meeting in appointing Joanna Twichel to the station of an elder, with which this meeting unites,

Westbridge & Westbridge inform they have paid our Treasurer their proportion of the expense of building Meeting house the other monthly meeting are directed to forward their & an account to next Quarter & Bolton their of Yearly meetings stock for 1812

A Quarterly meeting of Friends held at ~~North~~
~~free~~ Leicester for Friendship the 11th of 11th 1813

We have received accounts from all our monthly meetings and the representatives therein named are, for Smithfield Wmth Buffum, Thomas Atwood & James Clemmens, for Uxbridge Silas Earle & Maria Arnold, for Northamptn. Peabody Leland & Cyd Garrison, for Boston, Joseph Mason & James T. Ford. Such missing names are all present except James Clemmens & Maria Arnold, the latter of whom, this meeting was informed, was absent by reason of sickness in this country.

The representatives to our last Quarter, from T. and
W. for Clerk and David Smith, for assistant, they
are accordingly appointed for the year ensuing-

St Lucies have been read in this meeting and the
usual answers thereto from our several monthly meetings.

Richmond inform that they have paid our Treasurer
 \$4000 their proportion of the expense of the new meeting
 house. Boston also inform that they have paid
 themselves of nearly meeting stock for 1842

The several monthly meetings are directed to pay our
our Treasurer their proportions of yearly & quarterly meetings.
stock for 1843-

Richmond monthly is directed to pay our treasurer the proportion of ~~yearly~~^{Quarterly} meeting stock for 1810 & 11 - unless by investigation it should appear it have been paid. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute

At a Quarterly meeting of Friends held ^{at} for
 Smithfield the 10th of 2nd mo. 1814 received accounts from
 all our monthly meetings the representatives therein
 named are for Smithfield William Buffum 1st &
 Kelley & Luke Adrich for Exbridge Jerry Cady
 & Moses Barnum for Richmond Benjamin Dexter &
 Livia Sandal for Bolton Stephen S. Southwick &
 Stephen Wheeler who being called are all present

Our Esteemed friend Gideon Mullinex attended this
 meeting & nearly all the meetings hereto belonging
 with a certificate from Plain Monthly meeting in
 the county of Ulster & State of New York dated 10th of 1st mo.
 1813 in which ^{his} company & religious services have been
 acceptable & edifying & ~~as~~ the clerk is directed to furnish
 him with a copy of this minute

Our beloved Friend Hinchman Haines attended this meeting
 with a certificate from Exeter Monthly meeting in New
 Jersey dated 10th of 1st mo. 1813 with an Endorsement thereon
 from Hadamfield Quarterly meeting in New Jersey date
 12th mo. 16th 1813 whose company & religious services have
 been truly edifying the clerk is directed to give him a copy
 of this minute

Also our Esteemed Friend Joseph Haines attended this
 meeting as companion to Hinchman Haines with a
 copy of a minute from Exeter monthly meeting
 in New Jersey date 10th of 1st mo. 1813 whose company hath
 been truly acceptable the clerk is directed to furnish
 him with a copy of this minute

The Queries have been read & answers from all our
 monthly meetings

Smithfield monthly meeting inform that they have concurred with their women's meeting in approving the public appearance in the ministry of ^{Miss Rathbun} ~~Miss Rathbun~~ & this meeting after weighty consideration, also unite with them & the women's Quarterly meeting therein & David Smith is appointed to inform the select Quarterly meeting thereof. Uxbridge & Bolton Monthly meetings inform that they have forwarded their proportion of Yearly & Quarterly meetings stock the other monthly meeting are directed to forward theirs & an account thereof to next Quarterly meeting. Richmond monthly meeting inform that they have received a minute from this meeting respecting some rearranges of Quarterly meetings stock & have it under notice they are requested to inform this meeting when they have decided it.

This meeting hath received 500 printed London Epistles for 1813. one of which hath been read to good satisfaction the representatives are directed to apportion the same & carry down to the several monthly meetings.

At a Quarterly meeting of friends held at Northbridge for Smithfield the 12th of 5th mo 1814. - We have received accounts from all our monthly meetings, and the representatives therein named are, for Smithfield, Walter Allen & James Clemmons; for Uxbridge, Stephen Wheeler & Eliza Arnold; for Richmond Wm. Basset & Abel Haskins; for Bolton, David Smith & Stephen Wheeler, who being called are all present. -

We have received Answers ^{to the queries} from all our monthly meetings, from which we have compiled the following general answers:

Walter Allen, Gideon Mowry, Silas Earle, and Jesse Eddy are appointed representatives to the yearly meeting, by whom we forward the answers together with an account, and request them to report their attendance, at our next quarterly meeting.

Our beloved friend Amos Parley attended this meeting with a certificate from seabrook monthly meeting and an endorsement by Salem Quarterly meeting of the 16th of 12th Mo. 1813 expressive of their unity with him in the ministry, and sympathy in his prospect of a religious visit to these & other parts: his company and religious labours with us have been truly acceptable.

Also our beloved fr. John Bailey attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Pembroke monthly meeting of the 28th of 4th Mo 1814, expressing their unity with him in his prospect of attending this and some meeting meetings hereto belonging, he being a minister in unity: his company and religious labours with us, have been truly acceptable: - the Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of the above minutes. -

Rhmonda monthly meeting inform that they cannot find, to their satisfaction, that there are any rearages of their quarterly stock. We therefore appoint Wm Earle, ~~Wm~~ Bassel, Rowland Rauttiborn and Nopon Barnum to make investigation respecting the matter, and endeavour to ascertain whether there are any rearages of their proportion of quarterly meeting stock, or not, and report to our next quarterly meeting -

The, fr appointed last quarter to inform the select meeting of our approving the public appearance ^{of Eliza Rauttiborn} in the ministry has attended to the appointment -

Smithfield meeting inform that they have that they
have paid our Treasurer their proportion of yearly and
Quarterly meeting stock for 1813. Richmond have also forwarded
their

The Smithfield Quarterly meeting of friends
held at Bolton 11th of 8th mo. 1814 Read act
from our several monthly meetings the repre-
sentatives therein named are for Smithfield
Nath. Kelly Jesse Kelly & Daniel Brown & Exbury
Silas Earle Gideon Henry Richmond Estha
Warkner Benjamin Wheeler Bolton Calvin Gale
James & Mary who being called are all present
We have received & read answers to the Queries
from our several monthly meetings

The representatives appointed to attend our last
Yearly meeting inform they all attended &
produced the following Extracts from the yearly
meeting minutes

This meeting having obtained information by
by the reading of the minutes of the meeting for
sufferings that a suitable lot for the erection of
buildings to accommodate a yearly meeting & host
containing about 40 acres in the vicinity of
Providence had been offered for that purpose by our
Friend Moses Brown to this Yearly meeting. At
the meeting for sufferings having deliberated there-
-over through the report of a committee of their
appointment that the lot affords a pleasant and
healthful situation to erect suitable buildings
upon for this desirable object which has for many
Years occasionally

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occupied the serious attention of this meeting, & having at this time a renewed engagement for the guarded education of our youth & a very general agreement being manifested that the time has arrived whereon it may be entered upon with a better prospect of accomplishing the benevolent design than has heretofore presented to our view the present amount of the fund subscribed for this purpose with its interest is upwards of \$9000 which is considered inadequate to the expence which will attend the erection of suitable buildings & to defray the other expences of the institution we therefore recommend to friends to aid the present fund by subscriptions in their freedom & forward to the meeting for supplying an account of the sums, that they may be qualified to act herein we tenderly exhort friends to be liberal in their subscriptions according to the means afforded them remembering that we are only stewards of the goods we possess, that we hold them by a very uncertain tenure, & that a righteous & benevolent disposition as a part of them may produce a blessing upon the remainder the clerk is directed to forward copies of this minute to the several Quarterly meetings.

Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly meeting held on N. Island from the 12th to the 15th of 6th mo 1814

By Saml. Radman Clerk
this year

The committee upon the appeal of Folger Pope presented the following report.

to the Yearly meeting now sitting.

agreeably to appointment we have met Folger Pope & the Quarterly meeting committee in the case of his appeal from the judgment of Smithfield Quarterly meeting;

And, after a full hearing of the parties, am
of the opinion that the judgment of said
Quarterly meeting ought to be confirmed

Newport 14th of 6th mo; 1814

Richard Mitchel	Richard Dams
Jos. Barker	Moses Staper
Benj ^r . Stagle	Jos. Philbrick
Cornelius Howland	Rufus Norton
David Kelley	Jos. Howland
Russel Davis	Ezra Collins

which being read & considered is accepted &
the judgment of Smithfield Quarterly meeting
in their confirmation of Boston monthly meetings
proceedings relative to him is hereby confirmed

Extracted from the minutes of the Yearly meeting
held at Rhode Island from the 12 to the 14 of 6th mo;
Inclusive 1814

Sam^l. Rodman Clerk to
the meeting this Year

The Extract respecting a yearly meeting school
is directed by this meeting to be sent to the several
monthly meetings with feeling exhortation
that they may pay particular attention thereto.
The several monthly meetings are directed to forward
to next Quarter their proportion of \$40 this mo;
Share of yearly meeting Stock in the same pro-
portion as heretofore & an account thereof to next
Quarter

The Extract in regard to Judges Papers appoal the
Clerk is directed to forward to Boston monthly meeting
the committee appointed in case of Richmond mon-
thly meetings renders me the following report

The your committee appointed last Quarter to examine the matter respecting Richmond monthly meeting being deficient in the payment of Quarterly meeting stock for 1810 & 1811 report that it appears there was no money raised at 2 meetings stock for the year 1810 & that they are deficient in payment for 1811 the sum of \$7.26 cts

11 of 8 m^o 1811

Wm. Bassett

Oliver Earle

Moses Barnum

Rowland Rathbun

which is accepted & Richmond monthly meeting is directed to forward the receipts as expressed in the report & an account thereof to next Quarter the clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute

The year being expired for which the clerk & assistant were appointed the representatives are directed to see who may be suitable for clerk & assistant the ensuing year & report to next Quarter

The year being expired for which the treasurer was appointed we appoint Daniel Luman Gideon Henry & Chad Smith to audit his acc^t & consult what sum may be necessary to raise the ensuing year & who may be suitable for treasurer & report to next Quarter

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Leicester 10th of 11th m^o 1811 received accounts from out several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are for Smithfield James Clements George Read & Hadrich Steer Uxbridge Bernard Fowler & Jessy Eddy Dickanond Levi Randal & David Randal Bolton

David Smith & Henry Powers Jr. who being called are all present except David Standal

The representatives to last Quarter propose Daniel Wheeler for clerk & David Smith assistant for the ensuing year this meeting uniting therewith they are appointed accordingly

Our beloved Friend Peter Florie attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from South-Kington monthly meeting Dated 26th of 9.m. 1814

Expressive of their unity with him in his religious visit to some meetings within the verge of this meeting as truth may open the way & of his being a minister in unity whose company & services have been truly acceptable, the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The Queries have been read in this meeting & the required answers from the several monthly meetings

The committee to settle the treasurers accounts &c. made the following ~~proposition~~ ^{proposal} viz the raising of \$40 for quarterly meeting Stock & Rowland Rathbun for treasurers ~~the ensuing year~~ this meeting uniting therewith Rowland Rathbun is appointed treasurer for the ensuing year & the several monthly meetings are directed to forward their share of \$40 in the same proportion as heretofore

Richmond Monthly meeting inform that they have forwarded \$7.26 cents their proportion of Quarterly Meeting's stock for 1811 also they with Exbridge & Botton inform that they have forwarded their of Yearly Meeting Stock. Smithfield monthly meetings is directed to forward theirs & an account to next Quarter

At a Quarterly meeting of friends held at & for
Smithfield 9 of 2 m^o 1815 receive accounts from
numerous monthly meetings the representatives
therein named are for Smithfield Otis Bartlett
Job Chase & Michael Cook Roxbridge Royal
Cathrick & Joel Melrich Richmond William
Lunt & Abel Hackmus Bolton Jonathan Fry
& Stephen Wheeler who being called are all
present

The Queries have been read in this meeting
& the required answers from the several mon-
thly meetings

Our beloved friend Valentine Heider attended
this meeting with a certificate from Harrisburgh
monthly meeting date 27th of 1 m^o 1815 & a
concurring endorsement from Harrisburgh Quar-
terly meeting Expressive of their unity with him
in his proposed religious visit to Friends &
others in the southern parts of New England
yearly Meeting & of his being a Minister in
unity whose company & services have been
edifying to us the last time he was with us
of this month

Our beloved friend Mary Farney attended this
meeting with a certificate from Starkborough
monthly meeting held 30th of 12 m^o 1815 Expres-
sive of their unity with her in her proposed
visit to the southern parts of New England
yearly meeting & of her being a Minister in
unity whose company hath been edifying to
us

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Our beloved Friend Ezra Batty attended this meeting a companion to Mary Farney with a copy of a minute from Starkborough monthly meeting held 30th of 12 m: 1814 expressive of his being a member in unity whose company hath been acceptable to us

Our beloved Friend Hannah Batty attended this meeting as companion to Mary Farney with a copy of a minute from Starkborough monthly meeting held 30th of 12 m: 1814 Expressive of her being a member in unity whose company hath been acceptable to us

All the monthly meetings inform that they have forwarded their proportions of Quarterly meetings. Atchamsmithfield monthly meeting is directed to forward theirs of yearly meetings Stock & an acct. thereof to next Quarter. ---

At a Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Northbridge for Smithfield the 11th of 5th 11th 1815 we have received accounts from all our monthly meetings, and the representatives therein are, for Smithfield Shadrach Peck, Arnold Aldrich & Eliza Barthol, for Northbridge Amos Aldrich & Elisha Arnold, for Richmond James Brown & David Bandal, for Bolton Jonah Badcock & Eliza Wheeler, who being called are all present except James Brown. The queries have been read in this meeting & answers from all our monthly meetings, from which we have compiled the following summary answers

- Ans 1. All our meetings attended, and most of them by the greater part of our members. the hour pretty well observed tho' not without exceptions. some appearance of sleeping at times - not much other unbecoming behavior therein -
- Ans 2^d Love and unity measurably maintained, detraction mostly guarded against. and where differences have arisen, care has been taken
- Ans 3^d Friends mostly careful as to plainness, and to restrain from reading pernicious books, pretty good examples themselves, the scriptures frequently read in friends families -
- Ans 4th We believe the unnecessary use of liquors, and frequenting of taverns since other places of public resort, are generally avoided, tho' not without some exceptions and a good degree of moderation observed on account of births, marriages, burials & on other occasions -
- Ans 5th Mostly careful in those respects -
- Ans 6th Mostly careful on those accounts, tho' not without some exceptions -
- Ans 7th We believe our testimony is pretty well maintained on these accounts -
- Ans 8th Friends are generally to inspect their affairs & settle their accounts, mostly punctual to their promises & and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances
- Ans 9th Marriages recorded, births &c much neglected, several removals without certificates, most of which are under notice -
- Ans 10th There is a care on the minds of friends for regular dealing with offenders & having judgment as given tho' not always so seasonably as would be best -

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which are directed to be forwarded to the yearly meeting together with an account by our representatives.

Walter Allen, Jonah Poole, Rowland Routhorn, Moses Farnum and Isaac Tabor, who are requested to report their attendance at our next meeting -

Walbridge monthly meeting inform that they have appointed Amos March to the place of an elder, which meets the approbation of this and our womens meeting, and David Smith is appointed to inform the select quarterly meeting thereof & report next quarter.

Smithfield monthly meeting inform that they have paid their proportion of yearly meeting stock

At a Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Bolton for Smithfield 10th of 1st mo: 1815 received accounts from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are for Smithfield Benadict Rarrington & Philip Walden Usbridge Silas Earle Effingham L Caprin Richmond William Basset & Reuben Randol Bolton Jonathan Fry & David Smith who being called are all present

James Brown sent a satisfactory reason for his absence last Quarter

The Queries have been read in this meeting & the required answers from the several monthly meetings. The representatives to last yearly meeting inform they all attended & produced the following Extracts from the yearly meeting minutes, which being read to good satisfaction the Clerk is directed to forward a copy thereof to the several monthly meetings who are directed to forward their ^{proportion} share of \$30 this meetings share of Yearly

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Meeting's stock in the same proportion as heretofore &
an account thereof to next Quarter

The friend appointed, reports he has informed the next
Quarterly meeting of our uniting with the appointment of
James Eldrich to the place of an Elder
Worcester monthly meeting inform they have appointed Hann
Arnold to the place of an Elder; this meeting after solemnly
considering the same unites with them therein, having
the concurrence of our womens meeting; David Smith is
appointed to inform the select Quarterly meeting thereof
& report to next Quarter

This meeting hath received a number of London Epistles
for 1815 one of which was read to good satisfaction, the
representatives are directed to apportion them & hand down
to the several monthly meetings

The year being expired for which the clerk and assistant
were appointed, the present representatives are requested
to propose to next Quarter some persons for that
place

Minute of the Yearly Meeting for New-England,
Held on Rhode Island, by adjournments, from the 11th day
of the 6th mo; to the 14th of the same inclusive, 1815.

On a review of the state of our religious society, as
represented by the answers to the queries now received
from our several Quarterly meetings, our minds were
impressed with deep solicitude, that a more careful
attention to our several religious & moral duties, may
be maintained; & in a particular manner, that we may
all be more engaged in cultivating a near acquaint-
ance with the redeeming love of God. under this
influence, we shall be found constant in the impor-
tant duty of attending our own meetings for
Divine worship whereby we shall not only

bear a public testimony of our belief in the superin-
 -tendence of an all-wise Creator; but may, through
 Divine goodness, be often made partakers of that spirit-
 -ual refreshment, which experience teaches us, is in
 mercy dispensed to the humble dependant, & be
 thereby strengthened in the performance of our various
 duties for as we increase in this love to God, love, one
 unto another will necessarily follow, & we shall be
 preserved in that unity & fellowship which is the distin-
 -guishing badge of the Disciple of Jesus.

Our minds have been renewedly concerned, that all in
 profession with us may be increasingly cautious of making
 use of ardent spirits; the dreadful consequences of the fre-
 -quent use of which, appears in the present day to excite
 a very laudable concern in the mind of many of the
 people at large, who are looking towards us both for
 example & assistance to aid them in lessening the many
 evils which have flowed from this source. Hence it is
 highly important that we should give no occasion to
 others, in the support of a testimony which we have
 long believed it our duty to advocate & our several monthly
 meetings are particularly advised to give their watchful
 attention to this subject.

although it has been cause of thankfulness to us that
 during a period of war our peaceable testimony has been
 so well maintained yet there are many inducements
 to excite us to more attention & energy on this very
 important & interesting subject. our hearts have been
 made humbly thankful in believing that it is a time
 in which the attention of the people is peculiarly turned
 towards an investigation of the grounds of war; &
 that conviction has been wrought in the mind of very
 many that it is a custom not reconcilable with the
 doctrine & precepts of the Author of the Christian
 faith under these concurring considerations how
 very urgent is our duty to improve every

opportunity of diffusing the knowledge of the most
excellent principle which we have ever believed would
produce & maintain peace on Earth good will to men.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting

By William Hatch Jr. Clerk.



At a Quarterly meeting of friends held at Leicester
for Smithfield the 9th of 11th Mo 1815. The representatives
named in the accounts from the several monthly
meetings, are, for Smithfield. Walter Allen, Chas Smith
and Nehemiah Per. Uxbridge. Amos Housh & Moses
Farnum. Richmond. David Blandall & Perqueman
Whelan. Bolton. Jona. Day and Thomas Fay, who being
called are all present.

The representatives of our last quarterly meeting
to whom was referred the nomination of Clerk & Assistant,
propose David Smith Clerk and Thomas Fay
Assistant. ~~with~~ which the meeting unites, they are
accordingly appointed for one year.

Our beloved friend Benjamin Taber attended
this meeting with a certificate from Parkborough monthly
meeting of the 1st of 8th Mo 1815 and a concurring endorsement
by the quarterly meeting. His company & religious services
have been acceptable to us at this time. Also our esteemed
friend Stephen Carpenter attended, companion to the
above named friend, with a certificate from the same ^{monthly} meeting.
His company and religious deportment has been to satisfaction.
The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of the above
minutes.

The queries have been read, with answers from all
the monthly meetings to the first second & tenth queries.

Richmond & Boston monthly meetings inform that they have forwarded their proportion of yearly meeting stock. the other monthly meetings are requested to forward theirs

Received several subscription papers from the yearly meeting for the yearly meeting School, which are directed to be sent down to the several monthly meetings, who are requested to encourage their members to liberal subscriptions, in order to promote so important an institution. Likewise several printed copies of minutes from the 2^d meeting which are directed to be distributed to the monthly meetings.

Jonathon Snow, Barnard Fowler, Lucius Southwick and Eli Bartlett are appointed to settle with the Treasurer, to propose a sum sufficient for the ensuing year - to name a treasurer, and report at our next quarter. — Daniel Smith Clerk

At a quarterly meeting of friends held at and for Smithfield the 8th of 2^d Mo^{re} 1816 -

By accounts from the several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are, for Smithfield Seth Kelly, Moses March & Job Chan. Uxbridge Royal Southwick & Josiah Davis - Richmond - Daniel Randall & Eliza Harkness - Boston Daniel Smith & John Fry who being called are all present except Daniel Randall.

The company and religious services of our beloved friend Annas Pearly who attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Scabrook monthly meeting, has been acceptable to us at this time.

Also our esteemed friend Perry Thompson, companion to Annas Pearly attended, with a copy of a minute from the same meeting, his company has been acceptable. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of their minutes -

The committee appointed last quarter to settle with the Treasurer, hand in the following report

To Southwicks quarterly meeting

We your committee to settle the Treasurers accounts, have attended thereto, and found a balance in his hands of 100 dollars & 55 cents - We propose the raising of \$1500 - for quarterly meetings, stock for the year ensuing, and Rowland Rathbone Treasurer

Lashles Southwicks
Barnard Fowler
Jon^{as} M. Rice

which being agreeable, Rowland Rathbone is re-appointed ^{committee} treasurer for one year, and the sum of \$1500 our monthly meetings are directed to forward to our treasurer, each in their usual proportion - and an account thereof to our next quarter

Richmond monthly meeting inform that they have contemplated making some repairs on their meeting house, and request the advice and assistance of this meeting - We appoint Barnard Fowler, Lashles Southwicks, Samuel Aldrich, Thomas Fry and Moses Garrison to confer with some Richmond friends on the subject, and report what in their judgment may be necessary for this meeting to do in relation to their request -

We have received several London Epistles, and our minds have been feelingly solmizeed by the reading one of them in this meeting - We recommend them to the particular attention of our monthly & sister meetings

Our endeared friend Mary Allen in an impressive and weighty manner acquainted this meeting, with an ^{uncommon} increasing, that has rested on her mind to make a religious visit to friends and others in some parts of New York and Philadelphia yearly meetings, - and after serious and weighty consideration, our minds are made feelingly to unite and sympathize with her in her prospect, - and we leave her at liberty to proceed as truth may point her way

Also our endeared friend Abner Rathbone in ^{the} weighty manner acquainted ^{us} with the like prospect of a religious visit to the same yearly meetings with whom also feelingly unite & sympathize - and leave her at liberty to proceed as truth may open the way

an endorsement is prepared, and directed to be added to their certificates from Southfield, and sent by the clerk. — Wm. Buffum. Leahus Southwick, Jonah Rove and Edith Kelly are appointed to see that necessary provision is made for their journey, and report when ready —

Southfield and Uxbridge monthly meetings inform that they have our treasurer their proportion of yearly meeting dues. — Daniel Smith Clerk

At a quarterly meeting of friends held at Uxbridge for Southfield the 9th of 1846 Accounts have been received from all our monthly meetings, and the representatives for Southfield are Stephen Parle, Frederick Steer, and Rowland Southborn, for Uxbridge, Jonah Steer and Edward Porter, from Richmond Ruben Remondal & Hubert Remondal, for Bolton, Daniel Smith & Thomas Holder who are all present except Frederick Steer & Hubert Remondal who were reasonably excused.

The queries have been read, with answers from all our monthly meetings, from which summary answers are prepared for the yearly meeting which we forward together with an account by our representatives Wm. Aldrich, Daniel Kelly, Leah Parle & Daniel Smith who are requested to report at our next quarter Southfield monthly meeting inform that they have united with their women's meeting, in the appointment of Higgin Read to the place of an Elder, with which, after due consideration, we unite — We have also united with Uxbridge monthly meeting in the appointment of Leah Parle to the like place, which meets the convenience of our women's meeting — and Daniel Smith is appointed to inform the select quarterly meeting of their appointment.

The committee appointed last quarter in case of Richmond meeting house have in the following report - which being agreeable is accepted.

We your committee in case of an application from Richmond for assistance to repair their meeting house, have consulted on the subject, and are of opinion that as the other monthly meetings at present are at considerable expense in the repairs of meeting houses & other buildings, the quarterly meeting cannot consistently afford them any assistance, which we submit to your disposal.

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Samuel Aldrich, Moses Barnum
Burnard Fowler Thomas Fry

Richmond monthly meeting inform that they have forwarded their proportion of quarterly meeting stock, the other meetings are requested to forward theirs. - I and Smith - Clerk

A quarterly meeting held at Bolton for Smithfield the 8th 8th 1816.

The representatives named in the several accounts from the monthly meetings, are, for Smithfield, Tachew Southworth, Seth Kelly and Rowland Bantle, for Uxbridge, Moses Barnum and Elias Earle, Richmond, Wm Baptist and Obed Harkness, Bolton, Calvin Gates and Joseph Holder, who are all present.

Our beloved friend James Hallock attended the meeting with a copy of a minute from Warborough monthly meeting in the state of New York, and an endorsement by Nine Partners Quarterly meeting, expressing their unity in his performing a visit to these parts; his company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us at this time: the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The queries have been read. Some read with answers to the first, second and tenth, from all the Monthly Meetings.

The representatives appointed to attend our yearly meeting, inform that they all attended except Moses Aldrich, who was absent was by reason of sickness. They have in a minute from the Yearly Meeting by which it appears that our proportion of yearly stock is \$30.00, which sum our monthly meetings are directed to ~~renew~~ forward to our Treasurer in their usual proportion, and a account thereof

to this meeting

The monthly meetings inform that have paid our Treasurer their proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock.

The time for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed having expired, the present representatives are requested to nominate at our next quarterly friends suitable for that service. David Smith Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sociketon 14 Mo 14. 1816

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings the Representatives are for Smithfield Wm. Baughman Daniel Kelly and Jesse Butty; Uxbridge Josiah Thon and James Adrich; Richmond Essek Cook and Levi Randall; Bolton James V. Tany and Watson Gates who are all present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers from all the Monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friend Stephen Rogers attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Dandly Monthly expressive of his being an elder in unity his company and services have been acceptable to us.

The Representatives to last Quarterly Meeting propose David Smith for Clerk and Thomas Tany for assistant which being agreeable they are appointed accordingly for one year.

Bolton Monthly Meeting inform that they have paid our Treasurer their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock. The other monthly meetings are requested to forward their unit an account thereof to next Quarterly.

At this meeting read 70 London Epistle, one of which was read to our satisfaction. The representatives are directed to divide and carry them to their respective monthly meetings. Thomas Cary asst. Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Sound held at Smithfield the 13th of 2^d M^o 1817

By account from the monthly meetings the representatives are as follows viz
 from Smithfield. Wm Bartlett, John Killey and Esack Sales
 " Uxbridge - Moses Tarnum John Calam & Timothy Earle
 " Richmond - David Bernadal & Cyrus Barret
 " Bolton - Jonathan Fry and James D Fry
 who are all present -

We have at this time been favoured with the company of our beloved friends - Mayah Collins from with a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly meeting of 1st M^o 9 - David Harkness with a Certificate from Peru Monthly Meeting of 1st M^o 25 - 1816, and a concurring endorsement by Saratoga Quarterly Meeting - Valentine Meader with a certificate from Saratoga Monthly Meeting of 10th M^o 30 - 1816 and a concurring endorsement by Saratoga Quarterly Meeting - Philip Dimham with a copy of a minute from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of 1st M^o 22 - and Warren Gifford with a copy of minute from the same monthly meeting - whose religious services have been acceptable to us - and the clerk is directed to furnish each of them with a few lines from this meeting -

The queries have been read with answers to the first second and tenth from all our monthly meetings

Smithfield Monthly Meeting inform that they have paid their proportion of yearly meeting stock - Uxbridge and Richmond are requested to forward theirs to our next quarterly meeting -

The friends appointed by this meeting 2^d M^o last to see that the necessary provisions were made for the journey of Mary Allen and her daughter, inform that they fulfill their appointment -

The time having expired for which the Treasurer was appointed, we appointed Moses Farnsworth, John Osborn and Barnard Fowler to audit his accounts, to name a sum they may think sufficient to defray the meetings expenses the ensuing year, to name a Treasurer and report at our next Quarterly Meeting

Our beloved friends Mary Butler and Allen Rantthorn returned the certificates that were endorsed by this meeting as expressed in the minutes of 2^d me^t sent with several copies of minutes from Yearly and Quarterly meetings that they attended, expressing a satisfaction in their company and religious services and they inform that their visit ^{was performed} to their mutual satisfaction and to the peace of their own minds -

Our esteemed friend Mary Batty came before this meeting a concern to make a religious visit to friends and some others in the state of New York, as expressed in a certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, which claiming ^{our} the solid consideration of the meeting we unite with her in her concern and have prepared an endorsement to add to her above named Certificate. Walter Allen, Tachum Southwick and Richard Mowry are appointed to see that the necessary provision is made for her journey, ^{she is furnished with} that a suitable companion is ~~provided~~ and report to this meeting when ready

David Smith Clerk

A quarterly meeting of friends held at Northbridge for Smithfield the 1st of 3rd Mt 1847

We have received accounts from all our Monthly meetings and the representatives are as follows for Smithfield Seth Kelley, Amasa Alen and Chas Smith Uxbridge Jonah Steen and Eliza Arnold Richmond George Kelley and Benja Dexter Bolton John Fry and Daniel Wheeler who are all present

We have received answers from all our monthly meetings from which we have compiled the following general answers

- Ans 1st All our meetings have been attended generally by the greater part of friends. The hour pretty well observed by most - some appearance of sleeping with a few of other unbearing behavior mostly clear
- Ans 2nd Love and unity in a good degree maintained by most of our members, distractions mostly quiesced against, and where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them -
- Ans 3rd A good degree of care taken in regard to plainness, pernicious books and corrupt conversation generally avoided. Friends are mostly exemplary themselves and the holy scriptures frequently read in their families -
- Ans 4th It appears that friends mostly pretty well serve this query - except a few instances of improperly using Spirituans tiquors, some care taken -
- Ans 5th Some inspection has been made in regard to the neighbourhood, and some relief afforded, no friends children placed from among friends -
- Ans 6th Pretty careful in the several parts of this query - except a few instances - some care taken -
- Ans 7th Mostly careful in respects the whole of this query - except two instances of attending training which are under notice -
- Ans 8th Friends not all so careful in settling accounts and paying debts as would be best. Mostly careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.
- Ans 9th Marriages recorded, births, deaths and burials, not so fully attended to, several removals with out certificates -
- Ans 10th There is a good degree of care for regular dealing with offenders, and placing judgement tho not always so seasonably as would be best.

which are directed to be forwarded to the yearly meeting together with an account by our representatives Jesse Batty Walter Allen

Joniah Rowe & Barnard Fowler who are requested to report their attendance next quarter.

The company and religious services of our beloved friend Paulina Green who attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Green's monthly meeting of the 11th of 1st mo 1846. has been acceptable to us at this time. he has also acceptably attended all the meetings composing this the clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The committee appointed last quarter to audit the treasurers accounts presented the following report

To Springfield quarterly meeting to be held at Northbridge -

We of the committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurers accounts report that we have attended to our appointment, and found a balance in his hands due to the quarterly meeting of two dollars and twenty nine cents, and that Northbridge and Richmond monthly meetings have not paid into the treasury their proportion of yearly meeting stock - we propose the raising of seventy five dollars for quarterly meetings stock and Paulina Batts be treasurer, all which we submit to the meeting

Springfield 5th mo 4 1847. Moses Barnum }
John F. Stone } committee

which being agreeable it is accepted and Rowland Routhorn is reappointed treasurer, and the sum of seventy five dollars their proportion our monthly meeting, are requested to raise in their usual proportion and pay into the treasury and give an account thereof to this meeting.

A testimony concerning our beloved friend Eliza Thornton deceased from Southfield no meeting was read, approved and signed by the clerk, and Walter Allen is appointed to forward it to the meeting for sufferings.

Uxbridge and Rushmore monthly meetings inform that they have paid our treasurer their proportion of yearly meeting stock.

David Smith *(clerk)*

Southfield Quarterly meeting held at Bolton the 14th of 8th Mo 1817. The representatives, ^{named} on the several accounts from the ~~monthly~~ meetings are as follows for Southfield, Philip Wadsworth, Rowland Routhorn and Benedict Perrinton. Uxbridge Ephraim L. Lapham. Rushmore, Parker Wadsworth, Perquene Wheeler. Bolton, Calvin Gates and James H. Fry, who are all present.

Our beloved friends Isaac Thain & attenders this meeting with a certificate from Nine Partners monthly meeting and a concurring endorsement by Nine Partners Quarterly meeting, whose company and religious services are acceptable to us.

Also the company and religious services of our beloved friend Rowland Green with a copy of a minute from Greenwich monthly meeting, have been acceptable and the clerk is directed to furnish them severally with a copy of the above minute.

On reading the queries and the required answers from
 from the monthly meetings, some minds have been
 occasionally affected in observing a deficiency in the attendance
 of meetings, as expressed in some of the answers, more
 especially in the next meetings, and a concern arose
 that friends might become more engaged to attend
 our religious meetings, and be increasingly apprised
 of the importance of divine worship that the cause
 of these repeated complaints may be removed
 The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this minute to
 each of the monthly meetings —

The representatives appointed to attend our
 last yearly meeting, not being present, their report
 to refer to next quarter

Smithfield and Boston monthly meetings inform
 that they have paid and treasure their proportion
 of Quarterly Meeting stock, and the other meetings
 are requested to forward theirs

The time having expired for which the clerks were
 appointed — the representatives are requested to nominate
 those who may be suitable ^{for the service} at our next quarterly
 meeting — — — David Smith
 Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held
 at Leicester the 13th of 11th M^o 1817

We have received accounts from all our monthly
 meetings, and the representatives therein ^{named} are
 for Smithfield ~~the~~ Buffum & Job Chase —
 " Uxbridge Thomas Bowen & Joseph Congdon
 " Richmond Cyael Gannsey & Levi Randall
 " Boston — Josiah Badcock & John Gory
 who are all present except Job Chase who sent
 satisfactory reason for his absence —

The representatives to our last Quarterly

Meeting to whom was committed the nomination of Clerk and a sistant, proposed David Smith for Clerk and Thomas. Try for a sistant which being agreeable, they are appointed for one year —

The queries have been read, and answers from all our monthly meetings —

The Representatives to our last yearly meeting whose report was received last quarter, inform that they all attended — and present the following Copy of a resolution. In the place Quarterly meeting is requested to forward to our Treasurer \$400.00 their proportion of yearly meeting stock for this year —

Extracted from the minutes of the yearly meeting for New England. held on Rhode Island 6th 1844

and the same sum of \$400.00 our monthly meetings are requested to pay to our treasurer in their usual proportion, and send on around thereof to the Treasurer

Uxbridge monthly meeting inform that they have ordered their Treasurer to pay the proportion of Quagmes Ark-Richmond have paid theirs —

Our beloved friend Mary Batty returned a certificate which was endorsed by this meeting last 2^d M^o — with several copies of minutes from meetings that she attended, expressing of their satisfaction ^{with} her company and religious services ~~she~~ The committee that was appointed to see that she was suitably provided for for her journey inform that they attended to their appointment — David Smith Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield
the 12th of 2nd mo 1818

The representatives named in the several
from the monthly meetings are, for Smithfield
Rowland Rantthorn Jesse Batten and Johnson
Legg, for Uxbridge, Elias Earle and David Rantthorn
for Richmond Levi Randal and Isaac Taber
" Bolton Jonathan Fry and Abel Wheeler
who are all present.

Our esteemed friend Thomas Anthony attended
this meeting with a copy of a minute from Green-
wich monthly meetings whose company ^{and religious services} have been
acceptable to us.

Also our esteemed friend Job Hanes, companion
to Betsey Purinton, with a copy of a minute from
Uxbridge monthly meeting whose company and
exemplary deportment has been acceptable. The Clerk
directed to give them copies of the above minutes.

The queries have been read and answers from
all our monthly meetings.

We have rec^d a number of London Epistles
one of which has been read to our edification
they are directed to be sent down to the monthly
meetings.

Bolton and Uxbridge monthly meetings
inform that they have ordered their treasurers to
pay ours their proportion of yearly meeting stock
Smithfield and Richmond meetings are directed
to forward theirs, and an account thereof to our
next meeting.

David Smith Clk

Smithfield Quarterly meeting held at Northbridge the 12th of 5th 1818

We have received accounts from all our monthly meetings and the representatives are as follows
 For Smithfield, Daniel Kelly's job Chase & Daniel
 " Uxbridge Effron and L Caprin & George Collins
 " Needham, Deley Taft & David Randall
 " Bolton Rphn Wheeler & James D Fry
 who are all present except David Randall and Daniel Immans, for the latter of whose absence satisfactory reasons were offered.

The queries have been read and answers from all our monthly meetings, from which we have compiled the following summary answers to represent the state of this meeting

Ans 1st All our meetings, (except one small one by reason of the absence of its members) have been attended, and generally by most of our members tho' they are sometimes small. The hour mostly observed, some are sometimes overtaken with sleep; not much other unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans 2d Love and unity maintained by most of our members, detraction generally guarded against and where differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them.

Ans 3rd Love and unity are maintained Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their care in a good degree of plainness, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, & from corrupt conversations; they are generally pretty good examples in their respects themselves, and the Holy scriptures are frequently read in their families -

Ans 4th Friends are generally careful in regard to the use of spirituous liquors and frequenting taverns with some exceptions, moderation and temperance pretty well observed -

Ans 5 The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and such assistance afforded as appeared necessary, some attention given to the education of children - no friends children placed out that we know of -

Ans 6th We believe that our members are generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline

Ans 7th Our testimony pretty well maintained as respects this query.

Ans 8th Friends are not all so careful to settle their accounts and observe due punctuality in the payment of their debts as would be desirable. Generally careful to live within the limits of their circumstances -

Ans 9th The records of births, marriages &c generally attended to, several removals without certificates under notice

Ans 10th There is a good degree of care among friends to deal with offenders as directed after and to place judgment according to discipline -

They are directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by together with an account by our representatives Levi Lapin, Messrs Adams, Jonathon Stry and Walter Allen, who are requested to report their attendance at our next quarters -

Smithfield monthly meeting inform that they have appointed Leona Southwick to the place of an elder, which claiming the solid consideration of this meeting, we write with them therein

Rutland monthly meeting inform that they have appointed appointed Elyah Hartness to the like place with which we agree -

We also write with our women meeting in approving Rutland monthly meeting of

women friend in their appointment of Lyara Allen
to the place of our sister -

Lyara Allen is appointed to perform the select quarterly
meeting of the appointments of Elijah Hastings -

The following extracts were from the yearly
meetings minutes were received, read and members
ordered to each monthly meeting

From our yearly meeting for New England
held on at home Salem from the 15th of the 6thth to the
18th of the same month 1817 -

To the quarterly meetings hereto belonging,

Dear friends - In the answers to the queries received
from our several Quarterly meetings, we have noticed
several deficiencies which still exist among us, and have felt
deep solicitude for their removal - one of these deficiencies is a
prevailing neglect in the attendance of our religious
meetings, particularly those in the middle of the
week - I have been the cause of this complaint
have occasioned much exertion of mind to many
brethren, and believing it to be a matter of much
importance to you and your tender offspring, we
are induced in much love thus to address you on
the subject, and desire you to examine yourselves
that the Lord may be pleased in his great mercy
and condescending goodness, to show you where your
standing is, and what you are building upon, and enable
you to move forward with more dedication & faithfulness
in this important duty - We are also desirous that
all friends in the attendance of meetings endeavor
strutly to keep to the hour, that we do not, when met,
waste about the house engaged in conversation
on worldly subjects, which so unfit the mind for
divine worship, but quietly take their seats, under
a solemn impression of the importance of the service for
which they are met, and retire from our religious
assemblies in the same manner - And dear friends,
let us not confine these seasons of retirement and

waiting upon the Lord, to meetings of public worship, but that we be frequently engaged therein in our own families, and when our hands are employed in our temporal concerns, that we may feel our strength renewed in Him, that our conversation may be seasoned with grace -

We have also been renewedly impressed at this time we have also observed in some of the answers the want of love and unity, that an evident mark of discipleship we frequently desire those who may feel a lack of this, to watch unto prayer, that the Father of mercies may enable them to remove every thing that obstructs the free circulation thereof, for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen

We have also been renewedly impressed at this time that children should be devoted from their early years to a guarded ^{religious} education that as their minds are then susceptible of very lasting impressions it becomes a concern of much magnitude that right principles be early instilled & the bias of their minds directed to whatever is good & virtuous believing that a measure of the spirit of truth adequate to their tender years is implanted in the mind of children which if improved and advanced in will procure them peace in their own minds while here & a crown of life hereafter, that in order for them to be thus rightly instructed it is necessary for parents & tutors to be acquainted with that sanctifying power which brings into subjection the will and passions of the creature, that in this they labour with unwearied diligence to suppress the very bud of evil, and cultivate every appearance of good And how careful ought the guardians of youth be that they may be preserved from such company as would be hurtful to them, beginning in very early life, and continuing an unremitting care until they arrive to mature age, hereby they would be much preserved from that inevitable connection in marriage which has sometimes taken place where this care has been wanting

We also feel a renewed drive to recommend to our brethren that

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Smithfield and Richmond Monthly meetings inform
that they have ordered their treasurers to pay out
their proportion of yearly meeting stock

The time having expired for which the Treasurer
was appointed, we appoint Joseph Honey, Jonathan
Dove and Barnard Fowler to audit this account
to nominate a Treasurer and what sum may be
necessary to defray the expenses of the ensuing
year and report to our next meeting -

David Smith Clerk

that the use of spirituous liquors be wholly confined as prescribed by
our discipline, to medicinal purposes, and even then it be avoided where
suitable substitutes or substitutes can be procured, that there may not be the
least cause for contributing to this veneful evil which so sorrowfully prevails
in our land. - And that we may so live under the government
of the Prince of Peace that our conduct, in every respect, may
avince that we are engaged to support a faithful testimony
against the bearing of arms

Signed on behalf of the meeting - Wm Rotch f. Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly meeting held at
Boston the 13th of Oct^r 1818

By act from the several monthly
meetings, the representatives are as follows viz
for Smithfield. George Read, Daniel Killey, Moses Walden
" Uxbridge, Moses Gammam, Timothy Earle, Joseph
" Richmond, John Bowler, Israel Taber
" Boston Henry Powers & Daniel Holdard
who are all present.

The queries have been read with answers
from all our monthly meetings

The Rep^s to our last yearly meeting, inform
that they attended, and present the following
extracts from their minutes

"Smithfield Quarterly meeting is requested to
forward to our Treasurer \$10000 their proportion of
\$10000 concluded to be raised this year"

Extracted from the minutes by Wm Botch^r &
Club

Also several printed Epistles and extracts together
directed to the quarterly and monthly meetings, one
of which was read to our comfort, they are directed
to be divided and sent down to the monthly
meetings by the reps.

The committee appointed at our last meeting
to audit the Treasurers acc^t, report that they
have attended to their appointment, and find a
balance in the Treasurers hands of \$39.68, and
that Richmond monthly meeting has not paid
its proportion of yearly meeting stock for 1817
They propose the raising of \$10000 for Quarterly
meeting stock for the ensuing year, and Bowler &
Bantlun for Treasurer: Which report is accepted
and Bowler & Bantlun reappointed Treasurers
for one year

Our monthly meetings are directed to raise \$60.00
our proportion of yearly meeting stock, and \$10.00
for Quarterly meeting stock, and forward to our
Treasurer in their usual proportions and give
an account thereof to this meeting

We have had the company for our beloved
friend Anna W. Thorne at this time, with a
certificate from Nine Partners monthly meeting
and a concurring endorsement by Nine Partners
Quarterly meeting, expressing their unity
with her in the ministry, whose religious
services have been acceptable to us. Also our beloved
friends, Nathaniel Cornstock, and Phoebe Howes,
companions to Anna W. Thorne, with copies of
minutes from the same monthly, whose
company and exemplary deportment has
been acceptable. - The Clerk is directed to give them
a copy of this minute -

The time has expired for which the clerk
were appointed; the Rep^s to this meeting are
requested to nominate at our next meeting
those who may be suitable for clerk and assis-
tant -

As it appears by our committee's report
that Richmond monthly meeting has not
paid its proportion of yearly meeting stock
for 1857. They are requested to pay, at to our
Treasurer, and render an account thereof
to this meeting -

David Smith
Clerk

Southfield Quarterly meeting held at
Licester the 12th of March 1818

We have received the accounts from
all our monthly meetings and the Rep^s
therein received are For Southfield
Jesse Batt, John Killey & George Cornstock.
Uxbridge Edward Foster & J. Thurman & Bower.
Richmond Isaac Tinker & Esch. Cook.
Bolton Stephen Soper & Henry Cowers, who being
called are all present except Edward Foster
for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given

The Rep^s to our last quarter propose
David Smith for clerk and Thomas Fry
for assistant, which being satisfactory they
are appointed for one year

The queries have been read and answered
from all our monthly meetings

Southfield monthly meeting inform that
they have appointed Seth Killey to the place
of an Elder, with which, after a time of solic
consideration, we unite, having the concurrence
of our women meeting

We have also united with our women meeting
in approving Uxbridge monthly meeting
in the appointment of Betina Earle and
Rachel Earle to the place of Elders and
Moses Farnum is appointed to inform the
select quarterly meeting thereof

Our beloved friend Anna Abney attend
this meeting with a certificate from Providence
monthly meeting, whose company and relig
conversations have been satisfactory to us.

Bolton monthly meeting make the following
proposition Viz. This meeting having had
under consideration the subject of enlarging

~~our meeting~~ our meeting house for the better ac-
commodation of our 2^d quarterly meeting, we think
proper to inform you that we propose an
addition of 20 feet in the centre of the house
which, with a partition, ~~we think~~ in our opin-
ion, will comfortably accommodate both depart-
ments of the quarterly meeting, we have, by
our committee estimated the expense at not
less than \$350., nor more than \$380. dollars.
\$220. dollars of which is offered by members of our
meeting, which leaves a deficiency of between
\$130. and \$160. dollars, which deficiency we
feel ourselves unable to supply without your
assistance, which is submitted for your dispo-
sal. To which we accede, and leave them at
liberty to make the proposed addition, and
to call on this meeting for assistance when they
have accomplished the work.

Boston monthly meeting inform that they
have paid their proportion of yearly & quarterly
meeting stock. The other monthly meetings
are requested to forward theirs - and Richmond
monthly meeting is requested to pay their
proportion of yearly meetings stock for 1857 -

2 Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at
Smithfield 2^d Mo 11. 1857. Accounts from all
the Monthly Meetings have been received and
the Representatives therein named are as follows
for Smithfield Arnold Aldrich Oliver Bartlett
and Abner Smith. Shrewsbury George Smith
and Paul Aldrich Jr. Richmond Charles Hank-
ins and Moses Allen Jr. Boston John Fry
and George Badcock who being called are all
present.

The queries have been read in this Meeting
and the required answer from all our Meetings.

Our beloved friend Thomas Jones
attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute
from Durham Monthly Meeting expressive of
his being a minister in good esteem his company
and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Richmond in their account inform that
they have appointed David Wardell to the
place of an elder with which this Meeting
unites having the concurrence of our women's
meeting Moses Harmon is appointed to
inform the select Quarterly Meeting of the
appointment.

Northbridge inform that they have directed
their Treasurer to pay our share proportion of
Yearly and Quarterly Meeting stock.

Richmond that they have forwarded their
proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock for 1812
they are requested to forward theirs of
Yearly Meeting stock and Quarterly Meeting
stock for 1813 and Smithfield to forward
theirs of Yearly and Quarterly Meeting stock
and accounts thereof to next Yearly Meeting.

Smithfield quarterly meeting
held at Northridge the 13th of 5th M^o 1819

Acts from all our monthly meetings
have been read and the Reps. therein name
are for Smithfield Jesse Barker Walter Allen &
Samuel Smith Northridge Elias Earle,
Anna Harsh & for Northridge to Richmond

Esch. Cook and David Randal; Bolton John
Gray and David Smith, who are all present

The queries have been read and answers
from all our monthly meetings from which we
have compiled the following summary answers
which we forward to the Yearly meeting together
with an account by our Reps. Walter Allen
Royal Southwick, David Randal & Jonah
Shove, who are requested to report their attendance
at our next quarter

Our treasurer informs that he has paid our proportion of yearly meeting stock for 1818

The act from Smithfield monthly meeting contains the following viz We would inform the quarterly meeting that a member of Uxbridge monthly meeting, now residing within our limits without a certificate is in necessitous circumstances and has been supplied with necessaries as her situation required, by this meeting, and Uxbridge declines to remunerate for the past expense. Nor to agree to supply her in future. We have informed them of the circumstance in 10th Mo 1817 we therefore request the advice & adjustment of the quarterly meeting therein. Whereupon we appoint Darius Smith, Dana Bondage, Esau Cook, John Fry and Thoson Fry, a committee to investigate and make inquiry into the subject and report their judgment of the case at our next quarterly meeting.

Uxbridge monthly meeting of women present the assistance of the quarterly in a case that is labouring with them, whereupon we appoint George Comstock, Esau Cook, Chas Smith, John Estor, Wm Buffum & Thoson Fry to join a

committee ^{meeting} our women, on the subject, and report
when ready.

The Clerk is directed to forward to Thomas
Jones a copy of a minute made at our last
quarter, with an addition of his attending
most of the meetings comprising this, -

Smithfield monthly meeting inform that
they have directed their Treasurer to payours their
proportion of yearly and quarterly meeting
stock - Richmond that they have directed
thurs to pay \$10.00 their proportion of yearly meeting
stock for 1818. they are requested to forward their
proportion of quarterly meeting stock for 1818.

Smithfield Quarterly meeting held
at Bolton the 12th of 8m 1819

Rue Act from all our monthly meetings
and the Reps. are for Smithfield John Shelly
Ladock Smith Moses Aldrich, for Uxbridge
Pilas Earle & Royal Southwick, for Richmond Wm
Basset, Eliza Hartney, Amory Wilson, Bolton Pp
Southwick, & David Smith, all present except
Pilas Earle who sent satisfactory reasons for his absence.

The queries have been read with answers from
all our monthly meetings.

The Reps. to our last yearly meeting report
that they all attended, and hand in extracts
from that meetings minute, by which it appears
that our proportion of yearly meetings stock is \$60
which sum our treasurer is directed to pay, and our
monthly meetings to raise and pay the same
into our treasury in their usual proportion, and
give an account thereof to this meeting.
The representatives also forward a number of
Lodging

London Epistles one of which were read to our comfort.
They are directed to be divided and sent to the
several monthly meetings.

Our beloved friend Jacob Corstlin, in company
with Elizabeth Walker, attended this meeting
with a copy of a minute from Rapahua monthly
meeting, a non company and religious department
has been acceptable. The clerk is directed to furnish
him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Walker attended
this meeting with a certificate from Puritan Hill
State of New York, whose company and services
have been acceptable. (Now - also the compa-
ny of Sarah Sutton her companion, with a minute
from Rapahua monthly meeting, has been
acceptable -

The committee of last quarter on the subject
from Smithfield monthly meeting report as follows.
To Smithfield Quarterly meeting next to be held at
Yolton - We your committee of last quarter on the
subject between the monthly meetings of Smithfield
and Uxbridge, respecting an individual's right of mem-
bership, after investigating the subject, are unitedly
agreed in opinion, that the person alluded to is
a member of Uxbridge monthly meeting, and it
is our judgment, should be considered so by that
meeting and that they should for the future, afford
her the necessary relief, but as there has been a difference
of sentiment respecting the person's right of membership
for the more amicable settlement of the matter between
the two meetings, it is our mind that Smithfield Meeting
pay the expenses that have heretofore arisen on her acc't.

Uxbridge 5th Mo 1819

David Smith

Esch Cook

David Bernard

Jesse Fay

Thomas Day

committee

which report this meeting approves, and orders a copy
to be sent to Southfield and Uxbridge monthly
meetings together with this minute, and advise the
two meetings to send thereto —

Boston monthly meeting inform that they have
completed the addition to their meeting house that
they proposed to this meeting at the last. the expense
of which was \$172.12 — \$241.00 of which they have
paid — leaving a balance of \$227.62 — which sum we
direct our treasurer to pay to that meeting, and the
monthly meetings to vote in their usual proportion
pay it into the treasury, and give an account
thereof at our next quarter —

Joseph Povey, Moses ^{Marion} and Effingham L
Caprin are appointed to audit the Treasurers
accounts, propose a sum for this meetings
stock the ensuing year, and nominate a
Treasurer at our next quarter

The representatives to this meeting are
requested to nominate a Clerk and a visitor
to our next meeting —

The committee appointed at our last
meeting to join a committee of our women's
meeting report as follows

That your committee on the subject of
of disagreement in judgment between the men
and women's monthly meetings of Uxbridge, have
met on the subject and attended that meeting
and communicated such advice as in our opin-
ion the nature of the case required, to which the
meeting has assented

Thomas Fry
Isabel Cook

Uxbridge 6th 25
S

Elizabeth Smith
Alice Bathurst
Lydia Allen
George Comstock
Wm Buffum
Chad Smith
John O'Brien

Southfield Quarterly meeting held at
Laurel the 15th of 1819

By accounts from our monthly
meetings the Depts. are for Southfield
Ezekiel Taylor, Sewell Hodges, George Bease &
Samuel Smith, for Westledge & Spinkham &
Caprin, Barnard Howles, for Whitmore
Baker Chanda, Hosen Allen, for Bolton for
Gray and Stephen Pope, who are all present.

Our beloved friend Micajah Goltens attended
this meeting with a copy of a minute from
his ^{and most of the meeting} company of this
Salem assembly meeting, whose company
and religious services have been to our comfort
and satisfaction.

Our beloved friend James Hazard attended
this meeting with a copy of a minute from
Cornwall monthly meeting and a concerning
indorsement by Cornwall Quarterly meeting
whose company & religious services have been
acceptable to us. The queries answers have been read.

Also the company and religious services of our
beloved friend Ruth ^{Pence} with a certificate from Cornwall
monthly meeting, have been acceptable to us.

The company of Northern Pence with a certificate
from Cornwall monthly meeting, in company with
Ruth Pence, has been acceptable to us.

The committee appointed to settle the Treasurers
accounts report that they have attended to the
appointment, and find in the Treasury
\$53.89 - They propose \$20.00 to be raised for
stock the ensuing year, and the reappointment
of Bowland Bathory for Treasurer, which being
agreeable to the mind of the meeting, he is reapp-
ointed for one year, and our monthly meeting, we
direct to have the sum of \$12.00 in their usual
proportion, pay it the Treasurer and give an
account thereof to this meeting.

Boston monthly meeting inform that they have
paid our Treasurer their proportion of year-
ly meeting stock, also their proportion of the
expense of Boston meeting house, the other Mo-
nethly meetings are requested to forward theirs.
In reference to the present Rep^s to nomi-
nate a clerk and assistant at our next
meeting --- David Smith
Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield
2^d Mo 10 1820 Due accounts from all our Monthly Meetings
and the representatives therein named in for Smithfield
John Osborne Shadrach Steer and Seth Kelly
Westbridge Amos Aldrich and Josiah Shure
Richmond Levi Randall and David Randall
Boston Daniel Wheeler and Josiah Badcock
who are all present except Shadrach Steer
The representatives to last Quarter propose Thomas
May for Clerk and Eplingham L Capron for
assistant which being agreeable to the mind of
the meeting they are appointed for one year.

The queries have been read in this meeting with
answers from the several Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to last Quarter on the subject
of a new apportionment of stock propose that
Smithfield pay \$37;50 on the hundred Westbridge
\$37;50 Richmond \$12;50 Boston \$12;50
with which this meeting unites and the several
Monthly Meetings are directed to pay accordingly
and the Clerk to furnish each with a copy of
this minute.

Northbridge in their account present the following information (Viz) We inform you that friends of Pamflet preparative Meeting being destitute of a Meeting house are desirous of having one and have subscribed \$104 towards the same. This meeting having united with the proposal forwards the same for your disposal
S. M. Shore etc

Upon which this Meeting appoints Newland Northman Chad Smith, Jesse Betty, Shemuel Fay, Bernard Spencer, Walter Allen and Richard Henry to visit the Meeting of Pamflet on the account and report to next Quarter what in their opinion may be best respecting the proposal and if to build a house prepare the site and estimate the probable expense

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge 5 Mo 11. 1820.

By accounts recd from the several Monthly Meetings the representatives are as follows (Viz) Smithfield Arnold Aldrich Hezekiah Skinner and Seth Helly Abbridge Edward Foster and Silas Earle Richardson Essek Cook and Chas Harkness Bolton Thomas Holder and Henry Powers &c who being called are present except Hezekiah Skinner and Chas Harkness

The queries have been read with answers from the several Monthly Meetings from which the following summary is compiled which is directed to be forwarded with our account to our next Yearly Meeting by Silas Earle, Seth Helly Josiah Shore Chad Smith and Thomas Fay who are requested to report their attendance next Quarter

The Committee of Last December in case of an application from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting for a Meeting House at Pomfret report as follows (viz)

We of your Committee to consider building a Meeting House at Pomfret have attended to the appointment and are of opinion it will be best to build a house 32 feet by 26 with 10 feet porch probable expense including the lot, horse shed, &c - 636 dollars and 40 dollars more is subscribed to cover the expense

B Mo 11. 1820

Richard Morry
Bernard Frecker
Chas. Smith
Walter Allen
Newland Bathum
Thomson
Committee

Which being united with what Monthly Meeting is left at Liberty to accomplish the work and report when ready.

Our esteemed Friend Alice Bathum spread before this meeting a prospect as expressed in a Certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting which claimed our weighty attention, and sympathy and unity with her concern have been expressed and she is left at liberty to pursue the prospect as truth may open the way.

Also our esteemed friend Mary B. Allen spread before this Meeting a prospect as expressed in a Certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting which claimed our weighty attention, and sympathy and unity with her concern have been expressed and she is left at liberty to pursue the prospect as truth may open the way.

The Clerk is directed to enter and sign the above minutes and endorsements on their respective Certificates.

Seth Kelly William Buffum and Josiah Shore are appointed to see that they are suitably accommodated for the journey and report when ready.

Read several printed copies of the London Epistle one of which was read to our satisfaction and the Representatives are requested to convey them to the several Mo. Meetings.

Smithfield inform that they have paid their proportion of Yearly and Quarterly Meeting Stock and the expense of the addition to Bottom Meeting House Woburnbridge that they have paid their

Richmond that they have paid their of Yearly Meeting Stock they are requested to forward theirs of the expense of Bottom Meeting House and Quarterly Meeting Stock for 1820 and an account thereof to next Quarter Bottom inform that they have paid their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock.

Shadrach Store offered a satisfactory excuse for his non attendance of last Quarter.

General Answers

- 1st All our Meetings have been attended except one small meeting owing to the inclemency of the weather. Those on first days by most of friends midweek and preparative Meetings often small some appearance of sleep in some at times some care taken not much other unbecoming behavior observed in our meetings.
- 2^d Love and unity in a good degree maintained, detraction mostly guarded against and when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

- 3rd Friends are ^{most} careful to bring up there under their care agreeably to this query many are good examples themselves the holy scriptures are frequently read in our families
- 4th The unnecessary use of spirituous liquors and frequenting places of public resort mostly avoided moderation and temperance generally observed on account of birth marriages and other occasions
- 5th The poor taken care of none placed out
- 6th Friends are mostly careful on this account
- 7th We endeavor to maintain our testimony agreeably to this query -
- 8th We believe that more care to inspect affairs and settle accounts and also stricter attention to promises would be better pretty clear as to the other parts of this query. -
- 9th Generally careful as to records and care of records which is under notice
- 10th There is a good degree of care amongst us to deal with offenders as queried after and to place judgement where necessary according to discipline

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting
of Friends held at Bolton 8 Mo. 10. 1820
by accounts received from the several Monthly
Meetings the representations are as follows (Viz.)
for Smithfield Jesse Batty Job Chace Seth Kelly
" Wabridge Gideon Morrey and John Farnham
" Richmond Amery Willson & Wm. Bassett
" Bolton Jonathan Ferry & Joseph. Holder
who being called are all present

Our esteemed friend Charles Osborn attended this Meeting with a certificate from New-York Monthly Meeting, State of Indiana and a concurring endorsement by White Water Quarterly Meeting expressive of his being a minister in good esteem among them. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Also our esteemed friend James Peg accompanied for Charles Osborn acceptably attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from White Water Monthly Meeting expressive of his being a member in good esteem among them.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them respectively with copies of the above minutes.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform that they attended and present extracts from the minutes of that Meeting as follows which the Clerk is directed to forward to the several Monthly Meetings.

AT the YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, held on RHODE-ISLAND, for NEW-ENGLAND, from the 11th to the 14th of the Sixth Month, inclusive, 1820:

THE following Report of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE being read, was accepted, and the Clerk directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

Extracted from the Minutes of said Meeting.

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JUN. Clerk.

THE Boarding School Committee Report, that since their appointment by the Yearly Meeting, in the Sixth Month last, they have given such attention to the concerns of the Institution as its circumstances seemed to require.

THE School is continued under the care of MATTHEW and BETSEY PURINTON, as Superintendents, and THOMAS HOWLAND, STEPHEN A. CHASE, and ABIGAIL PIERCE, as Instructors. The average number of Children at the Institution for the year past has been about seventy.—Meetings for worship have been continued, we trust with usefulness.—The concerns of the Family and School have been satisfactorily conducted by the Superintendents and Teachers; and the improvement made by the Children has generally been such as to afford encouragement to the Committee.

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By the accounts of the Superintendent, it appears that the expenses of the Family have been defrayed by the receipts for board and tuition: but there still remains due to the Building Committee, including expense of Furniture, the sum of one thousand and eighty-four dollars and eighty-six cents.

THE old School Fund has been so arranged that the sum of six hundred dollars per annum will be appropriated to the Schooling of poor Children of the Society, agreeably to the original intention of the Donors. A further sum is also at the disposal of the Committee, arising from subscriptions in the year 1816; creating a fund, of which ten Children have already had the benefit at the Institution, and which, including the above sum of six hundred dollars, will enable the Committee to admit, (free of expense) one Child from each Monthly Meeting, during six months of the ensuing year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee, by

SAMUEL RODMAN,
DORCAS BROWN.

PROVIDENCE, 5TH MO. 5TH, 1820.

EXTRACT

From the Minutes of the YEARLY MEETING BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE, at a Meeting held at Newport, 15th of 6th mo. 1820:

THE Committee upon reviewing the Minute of 12th Mo. 2d, 1818, whereby the price of board, tuition, &c. was fixed at one hundred dollars per annum, and encouragement given that the price would be proportionably lessened, when the situation of the Institution would admit—Now consider, that the School may be rendered more beneficial to Society by a reduction of price, and with this view it is concluded to fix it at *Twenty dollars per quarter*, for the Children and connections of Friends of our Yearly Meeting, to take effect at the beginning of next month.—That Children not belonging to our Yearly Meeting are still to pay at the former rate of \$25 per quarter. Each quarter to be paid in advance.

SAMUEL RODMAN, Clerk.

*The several Monthly Meetings are directed to forward to our Treasurer their proportion of \$70. This Meetings proportion of Yearly Meetings Stock for the present year as follows (Wm) Smithfield \$ 26:25
Wobridge .. 26:25
Richmond .. 8:75
Boston .. 8:75*

Obad Shaker and Thersiah Skinner sent to this Meeting satisfactory reasons for their non attendance of last Quarter

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Leicester 11 Mo. 9. 1820

Received accounts from the several Monthly Meetings and the Representatives are as follows for Smithfield Stephen Batty, Samuel Smith and Otis Bartlet, Uxbridge Moses Harmon and Royal Southwick Richmond Levi Randall and Elisha Harkness Bolton Thomas Sny and Stephen S. Southwick who are present except Levi Randall

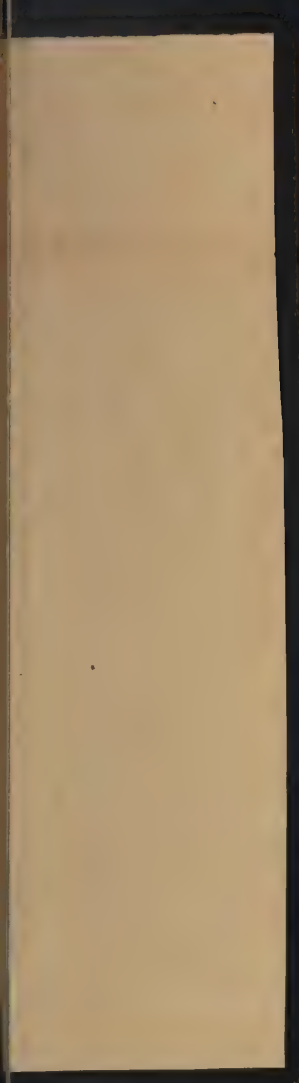
The queries have been read in this Meeting and the required answers from the several Monthly Meetings which manifest several deficiencies among our members in the faithful discharge of their respective duties particularly in the attendance of midweek Meetings which led to some pertinent remarks on the occasion.

We have at this time received several printed copies of the London Epistle one of which has been read to our encouragement.

Richmond in their account inform that they have forwarded their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock for 1819 they are requested to forward this for 1820 and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock with accounts thereof at our next Quarterly

The present Representatives are requested to nominate a Clerk and Assistant at our next Meeting

Thomas Sny Clerk



Pamphlet Mtz been
to lot paid for.
and had returned on
the 11th

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield 2^d Mo 8. 1821

By accounts rec^d from the several Monthly Meetings the representation are as follows
Smithfield John Osborne, Daniel Inman, Philip Walden, and Job Shearman, Uxbridge George Callum, Joseph Congdon and Josiah Storr
Richmond Levi Randall and Reuben Randall
Bolton Moses Wheeler Jr and John Hammens
who are all present

The representatives to last Quarter propose
Thomas Torg for Clerk and Eppingham L. Capron
for Assistant which being satisfactory they
are appointed for one year.

Our esteemed friend John Wilber accept-
ably attended this Meeting with a copy of a
minute from South Kingston Monthly
Meeting expressive of his being a minister in
unity with them

The queries have been read in this meeting
with answers from the several Monthly Meetings

Uxbridge in their account present the
following information (Viz) Our Committee
appointed to build a Meeting House at Pomfret
report that the work is nearly completed that
the expense incurred thereby to have been
\$ 860; 03 including the lot, that 31; 91 more
has been subscribed making a sum of 370; 91
subscribed, leaving a balance due the Committee
of 489; 92 which we forward to you for
your disposal

Uxbridge Mo Meeting 1 Mo 26. 1821

J. M. Storr Clerk

Which sum our Treasurer is directed to pay
and is apportioned to the several Monthly Meetings
as follows: Smithfield \$ 103.72

Uxbridge .. 103.72

Richmond .. 61.24

Bolton .. 61.24

who are directed to forward their respective sums
to this Meeting's Treasurer with accounts thereof
at our next quarter

Richmond and Bolton inform that they
have paid their proportions of Yearly Meeting
stock. The other Monthly Meetings are requested
to forward theirs with accounts at our next
quarter

John Osborne Effingham L. Capron and
John Farnum are appointed to audit the
Treasurer's accounts, propose a sum for
this Meeting's stock and nominate a
Treasurer at our next Meeting

Our esteemed friends Mary B. Allen and
Allie Rathbun informed that they had
returned to Smithfield Monthly Meeting their
Certificates, endorsed by this Meeting in 5th last
with such minutes and endorsements as they
had been furnished with by their friends abroad.
They also informed that they had, through
Divine aid, been enabled to perform the visit
and return to their friends with the reward
of peace

Thomas Gray Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of *Severals*
 held at Northbridge 5th Mo 10. 1821. By accounts
 read from the several Monthly Meetings the
 Representatives are as follows: Smithfield
 Otis Bartlet, Seth Kelly and David Grover
 Uxbridge Jesse Edger and Josiah Shore
 Richmond Nathan Harkness and Pelay Tuft
 Bolton James N. Fry Josiah Badrick who
 are all present except Pelay Tuft

The queries have been read and answers
 from the several Monthly Meetings from which
 the following summary has been compiled
 and is directed to be forwarded to our next
 Yearly Meeting by our representatives Rowland
 Prottator, Royal Scottwick, James N. Fry and
 Waller Allen who are requested to report
 their attendance at our next meeting

Uxbridge in their account inform that their
 Women's Meeting had visited with them in app-
 roving of the public appearances in the min-
 istry of Levi Lapan the further consideration
 of which is deferred till our next quarter

They also inform that they were united
 in approving of the public appearances in the
 ministry of Daniel Clapp which is likewise
 deferred till our next quarter

The Committee to audit the Treasurers
 accounts report as follows

We of your Committee to audit the Treasurers accounts report that we have examined his accounts and find a balance due the Treasurer of ninety seven dollars and fifty cents -

That Richmond Monthly Meeting has not yet paid any part of their proportion of the expense of Bolton Meeting house (their proportion being \$30.17) and that there remains due to Bolton Monthly Meeting on account of that expense ^(D. C.) 15.22

And that we think it best to raise the sum of thirty dollars to meet the usual expenses of the ensuing year

And propose Rowland Methuen for Treasurer

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting to be held at Northbridge 5th 10th 1841

John Osborne
John Farnum

which being satisfactory Rowland Methuen is reappointed Treasurer and the several Monthly Meetings are directed to forward their proportion of stock with accounts at our next quarter as follows

Smithfield ----- \$ 11.25

Northbridge ----- 11.25

Richmond ----- 3.75

Bolton ----- 3.75

Smithfield inform that they have paid their proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock and a part of their proportion of the expense of Dorchester Meeting House. Northbridge and Richmond that they have paid theirs of Yearly Meeting Stock. The several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportion of the expense of Dorchester Meeting House with accounts at our next quarter

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Bolton 8 Mo. 9th. 1821 By accounts recd.
from the several Monthly Meetings the representatives
are as follows; for Smithfield Esok Sayles &
Seth Welby Uxbridge Silas Earle & Josiah Shaw
Richmond Obed Harkness & Amory Willson
Bolton Calvin Gato and Thomas Holder who are
all present except Obed Harkness - - -

The queries have been read and answers from the
several Monthly Meetings

The case of Levi Latham, deferred from last quarter
is now coming before this Meeting, which after a time
of consideration is deferred till our next quarter

Also the case of Daniel Clapp being introduced
after consideration is united with in this meeting but
by request of our Women's Meeting is deferred till
our next quarter

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform
that they attended and present extracts from the
minutes of that and the meetings of the Yearly
Meetings School Committee and also a transcript
of the corresponding Epistle from the Yearly Meeting
in London which has been read to our edifica-
-tion; all of which are directed to be sent on
to the several Monthly Meetings.

By extract from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting
it appears that our proportion of stock is \$70 which
is apportioned as follows; Smithfield \$26:25
Uxbridge \$26:25 Richmond \$0:75 Bolton \$0:75

Uxbridge inform that they have paid their proportion
of the expense of Parnet Meeting House and Quarterly
Meetings stock, the other Monthly Meetings are requested
to forward theirs with account at our next quarter

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at
 Leicester Hill. D. 1825 By accounts received from
 the several Monthly Meetings the representatives are as
 follows for Smithfield Seth Hilley, Otis Boutlet
 and Buffum Chase

Uxbridge Eppingham L. Capron and Jesse Eddy
 Richmond Elisha Harkness and Levi Randall
 Bolton James V. Story and David Smith who being
 called are all present

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers
 from the several Monthly Meetings

The subject of approving the public appearances in the
 ministry of Levi Lapum coming again before this
 meeting, after a time of deliberation and some remarks
 on the importance of the subject it is deferred till our
 next quarter

Our Women's Meeting inform that they think best to
 defer ^{on quarter} the subject of approving the public appearances in
 the ministry of Daniel Clapp until which this meeting unite

Smithfield Monthly Meeting inform that they have paid
 the remainder of their proportion of the expense of Poughet
 Meeting House: Bolton that they have paid \$30. towards
 theirs and their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock

Obed Harkness offers a satisfactory excuse for his
 non attendance of last quarter

The present representatives are requested to nominate a
 clerk and assistant at our next Meeting

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At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield 2^d Mo 1st 1822 by accounts received
from the several Monthly Meetings the Representatives
are as follows for Smithfield Joseph Bartlett
Dedham Southwick Job Chase Uxbridge Amos
Aldrich Barnard Gowler Richmond William Basset
Amory Wilson Bolton James & Fry Daniel Wether
who are all present

The Representatives to last quarter propose
Thomastown for Clerk and Eppingham Lo Capron
for assistant which being agreeable to the Meeting
they are appointed accordingly for one year

The queries have been read in this meeting and
the required answers from the several Monthly
Meetings

The case of Levi Lapham again claiming
the attention of this Meeting and it appearing
best to refer the subject to a committee we
appoint Thomastown, Essek Cook, Seth Kelley,
Jenathantown, Jesse Batley, Moses Aldrich and
Ladock Smith, to take the subject into
consideration and make such investigation as to
them may appear necessary and report their
opinion of the case at our next meeting
Smithfield Monthly Meeting in their account
inform that they have appointed Stephen
Shearman to the station of an Elder. This meeting
after due consideration unites with them therein
having the concurrence of our women's meeting
Jesse Batley is appointed to inform the select
Quarterly Meeting of the appointment

Our Reminis Meeting inform that they think best to defer the case of appearing the publick appearance in the ministry of Daniel Clap untill our next quarter with which this meeting writes

Recd a communication from the Meeting for Sufferings which the Clerk is directed to forward to the several Monthly Meetings

Smithfield Mo. Meeting are requested to forward their proportion of Yearly and Quarterly Meeting Stock Northbridge theirs of Yearly Meeting Stock Richmond has paid their proportion of the expense of Bolton Meeting house they are requested to forward their proportion of Yearly and Quarterly Meeting stock and of the expense of Dorset Meeting house Bolton inform that they have paid their proportion of the expense of Dorset meeting house and Yearly Meeting Stock

Recd a few printed transcripts of the London Epistle one of which has been read to our edification

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Northbridge 5 Mo. 9. 1722
By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are as follows; for Smithfield Johnson Legg Shadrach Steere Rowland Mathison Northbridge Paul Aldrich Jr Amos Aldrich Richmond Nathan Warkings Beuben Wendall Peleg East Bolton David Holder and James N. Perry who are present except those from Richmond

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from the several Monthly Meetings from which the following summary has been compiled and is directed to be forwarded ^{at} the next yearly Meeting by our Representatives Josiah Shaw, Jesse Buttry, Job Chase and James N. Fry, who are requested to report their attendance next quarter.

Summary

- 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended there are first days by the most of friends, midweek meetings not so fully attended. The hour generally observed, slop is apparent in some at times, not much other unbecoming behaviour in our meetings.
- 2^d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction mostly guarded against, where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.
- 3^d Friends are generally careful to bring up their children in plainness although some are deficient in this respect, mostly careful as to pernicious books and corrupt conversation, generally exemplary themselves, the holy scriptures frequently read in friends families.
- 4th Friends are not all so careful at all times to avoid the use of spirituous liquors as quinine, mostly careful in regard to frequenting taverns ^{see} moderation and temperance generally observed.
- 5th The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and such assistance rendered as appeared necessary, a few children living from among friends.

- 6th We believe that friends are mostly careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline
- 7th Friends are mostly careful to maintain our testimony as quired
- 8th Friends are mostly careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts and to observe punctuality in the performance of promises and payment of debts. There are some deficiencies in these respects exist among us generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.
- 9th Care generally taken as to records some cases of removed without certificates which are mostly under notice.
- 10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as quired and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

The committee in case of Levi Locyham present a report to this Meeting the further consideration of which is referred to our next meeting they being left at liberty to make such further report as they may think proper.

Our Womans Meeting inform that they have united with the judgment of this Meeting of 8th last in concurring with Newbridge Monthly Meeting in the approval of the public appearances in the ministry of Daniel Clapp. Moses Farmen is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment

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Effingham L. Capron and John Osborne are
appointed to audit the Treasurers accounts
propose a sum for this meetings stock and
nominate a Treasurer at our next meeting

Our Treasurer is directed to hire a sum suf-
ficient to adjust the balance due from this
meeting an account of Parnet Meeting House

Smithfield in their account inform that
they have paid their proportion of Yearly
and Quarterly Meeting stock.

Wobridge and Richmond that they have
paid theirs of Yearly Meeting stock.

Richmond is requested to forward their
proportion of the expense of Parnet Meeting
House and quarterly meeting stock.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends
held at Bolton 8th d. 1822 By accounts
received from the several Monthly Meetings the
representatives are as follows for Smithfield
Bussum Chan Pelig Henry Jacob Grover
Wobridge Anthony Chace Jesse Eddy
Richmond Nuben Randall Esck Cook
Bolton Calvin Yates and Henry Percors
who are all present except Bussum Chan and
Nuben Randall who offered satisfactory reasons
for their non attendance

Our beloved friend George Withy with a certificate
from the Monthly Meeting of Frenchy in England
and concurring endorsement by the Quarterly Meeting
of Gloucester and Wilts and also a certificate from
the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in London
expressive of their unity with him as a minister
has been acceptably with us at this time.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with the usual answers from the several Monthly Meetings.

The report of the committee in care of ^{the} Lapham deferred from last Quarter and also an additional one presented at this time having claimed the consideration of this meeting it appears most satisfactory to the mind of friends that the subject be dismissed for the present.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform that they attended and present a communication from that Meeting as follows, which the clerk is directed to forward to the several Monthly Meetings.

So the quarterly and Monthly Meetings hereto belonging

Dear friends,

Having been clipped into an exercise for the welfare of the body, a concern has arisen to address the members of this Yearly Meeting on account of various deficiencies which appear in the reports to the meeting this year concerning some of our christian testimonies. Among these is that of attending our religious meetings, the neglect of which, we have reason to believe tends to poverty in all those who decline the practice of assembling with their brethren for the purpose of religious intercourse. We likewise observe with sorrow that our testimony respecting the use of spirituous liquors is in divers instances disregarded by members of our society thereby exposing themselves to many snares and temptations if not to irretrievable misery.

We believe that many of these weaknesses and deviations which exist among us are introduced by giving way to a worldly spirit and have their foundation in this; for "to be carnally minded is death." May we therefore dear friends endeavour above all things to seek an increasing acquaintance with

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the God of our lives by often retiring to, and waiting upon him whereby we may feel his spirit to help our infirmities and teach us what to pray for. As this becomes our frequent practice it will promote love to the brethren, tend to wear us from an undue attachment to the things of this world, and strengthen us to overcome those things that have easily beset us.

In this state our religious meetings will be made precious to us, and we shall not be easily hindered from assembling with our brethren; we shall become desirous of exhibiting a good example, and shall know a being qualified to unite with others to labour, in the spirit of meekness and wisdom with those who may be found departing from the testimonies which we as a society are called to bear.

And we have felt particularly desirous that converts and other concerned friends, in all our monthly meetings may seasonably and faithfully labour for the restoration and preservation of all our members carefully cultivating a spirit of love and unity; bearing in mind that these are essential qualifications availingly to labour with those who may be found departing from our religious testimonies.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting

Abraham Sheerman Jr
Clerk

The committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts report as follows: That we find on settling the Treasurer's accounts a balance due him of \$43.40

That we would propose the sum of eighty dollars for the quarterly meeting to raise for the ensuing year and propose Rowland Rathbun for Treasurer

John Osborne
Esphingham L. Capron

which is accepted and Norland Mathison is appointed Treasurer and the sum of eighty dollars together with sixty our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock is apportioned to the several Monthly Meetings as follows

Smithfield Monthly Meeting \$ 52, 50

Woburn " " " " 52, 50

Richmond " " " " 17, 50

Bolton " " " " 17, 50

At the request of our Woburn meeting we appoint Chad Smith Jesse Eddy Thomas Day and Jesse Battis to join a committee of Woburn in case of an appeal which has come before that meeting

A satisfactory reason was offered for the non-attendance of the representatives from Richmond at our last quarter

Richmond Monthly Meeting is requested to send their proportion of the expense of Prompt Meeting House and quarterly meeting stock for 1821

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Leicester 11 Mo 14. 1822

By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings the representatives are as follows for Smithfield

Walter Allen Gaydeck Smith Seth Hilby

Woburn Amos Aldrich Josiah Shaw

Richmond Esck Cook William Bassett Elisha Hankins

Bolton James V. Way Moses Wheeler &c who are all present except Elisha Hankins

Our esteemed friend Russell Davis with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting has been acceptably with us at this time. Also our esteemed friend William Gifford, as companion for Russell Davis with a copy of a minute from the same Meeting.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from the several Monthly Meetings by which some deficiencies were reported to the view of this Meeting and occasioned some lively expressions of desire for their removal particularly a manifest neglect of the due attendance of our religious Meetings.

The committee of last quarter to join a committee of women in case of an appeal which had come before that Meeting present a report the further consideration of which is deferred till our next quarter.

Our women's Meeting inform that they were about to appoint a committee to visit the Monthly Meeting of Richmond and request the assistance of this Meeting in the service upon which are appointed Silas Earle, David Smith, Royal Southwick and Moses Farnum who are requested to make report of their doings at our next Meeting.

The present Representatives are requested to nominate a Clerk and assistant at our next Meeting.

Boston Monthly Meeting inform that they have directed paid their proportion of Yearly and Quarterly Meeting Stock: The other Monthly Meetings are requested to forward theirs and Richmond theirs of the expense of Pompert Meeting House and Quarterly Meeting Stock for 1821.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held
at Smithfield 2^d Mo 13. 1823

By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are as follows
Smithfield Arnold March John Killey Jesse Butty
Wobridge Daniel Clapp Edward Foster
Richmond Reuben Randall Levi Randall
Bolton. Thomasory and Moses Wheeler Jr.
who are all present.

The Representatives to last quarter propose
Thomasory for clerk and Effingham L. Capen
for assistant which being satisfactory to the meeting
they are appointed accordingly for one year.

The queries have been read in this meeting with
the required answers from the several Monthly meetings.

The committee of last quarter to visit Richmond
Monthly Meeting inform they have not yet performed
the service. The appointment is continued with
the addition of Josiah Shaw Daniel Clapp and
Jesse Butty to visit that Monthly Meeting and
such of the other Monthly or particular Meetings
as to them may appear best and make report
of their doings at our next meeting.

The consideration of the report deferred from our
last quarter is at the request of our Womans
meeting again deferred under the care of the
same committee.

Richmond inform that they have paid
\$22:36 towards the expense of Pomfret Meeting
House and ask to be released from the payment
of the remainder amounting to \$38:00 To which
this Meeting agrees and our Treasurer is directed
to pay the deficiency.

Smithfield inform that they have paid their proportion of Yearly and 2 quarterly meetings stock Northbridge that they have paid theirs of 2 quarterly meetings stock they are requested to forward their proportion of Yearly meetings stock and Richmond theirs of 2 quarterly meetings stock for 1821

All Smithfield quarterly Meeting of friends held at Northbridge 5 Mo 3. 1823.

By accounts received from the several monthly meetings the Representatives are as follows for Smithfield Arnold Briggs John Kelly, Jesse Butty, - Northbridge Moses Farnum Effingham L. Capron - Richmond Newben Randall Levi Randall - Botton Jan^{ry} Fry and David Smith who are all present

The queries have been read with answers from the several Monthly meetings from which the following Summary has been compiled and directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives Royal Southwick, Josiah Shaw, Silas Earle, Jonathan Fry and Rowland Ruthven.

Summary

- 1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended except two in which cases some care has been taken, those on first days by the greater part of friends, midweek meetings not so fully attended, the hour mostly observed, some appearances of sleep, of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear.
- 2^d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained by most friends, objection generally guarded against, no differences that we know of.

- 3^o Friends generally appear to be endeavouring to bring up their children in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, though we fear there is too much giving way to harmful indulgences in this respect, mostly clear as respects pernicious books and corrupt conversation. Heads of families, mostly exemplary themselves, the scriptures are read in friends families though we fear not so frequently as would be best.
- 4th Friends are mostly careful in the use of spirituous liquors, though it is sometimes used otherwise than for medicine: Careful in the other parts of this query.
- 5th The poor are taken care of; some children placed out -
- 6th Parents and heads of families are careful as respects this query; there is a number of instances of the young and unmarried keeping company with those not of our Society. Some care taken -
- 7th We believe we are clear except one instance of attending training.
- 8th Friends are not all so careful as to the settlement of accounts as would be best; generally careful to perform promises and pay their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances -
- 9th Marriage certificates are all recorded, not so careful to record births and deaths as is necessary; several cases of removal without certificates are under notice.
- 10th There is a good degree of care amongst us to deal with offenders as queried after and to place judgment according to discipline.

The committee to visit such of the Monthly Meetings as to them may appear best are continued and requested to report to our next meeting.

The consideration of the following report of the committee in case of the appeal of Rhoda Buffum claiming the attention of the meeting at this time, is united with and the judgment of Richmond monthly meeting in her case is confirmed.

Your committee in case of an appeal by Rhoda Buffum from the judgment of Richmond monthly meeting, have met with the parties on the subject and examined the doing of the monthly meeting and are of opinion that the judgment of the meeting ought to be confirmed

Bolton D. No. 2. 1822

Rachel Bassett
Lydia Gates
Rachel Cook
Rachel Farnum
Hannah Holden

Jesse Batley
Chad Smith
Jesse Cook
Thomas Fry

Committee

Our esteemed friend Alice Keen a minister in unity as expressed in a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly meeting attended this meeting. Her company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute

Uxbridge monthly meeting inform they have directed paid their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock. Richmond is requested to forward their proportion of quarterly meeting stock for 1821

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Bolton D. No. 14. 1823. By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings the representatives are as follows, for Smithfield Jesse Batley, & Arnold Buffum, Sewel Hedges, Samuel Smith.

" Uxbridge Josiah Shaw, Peter Farnum.

" Richmond George Markness Esck Cook

" Bolton & Times Wheeler Henry Powers, who are all present

Our esteemed friend James Hazard a minister in unity as expressed in a certificate from Cornwall Monthly Meeting State of New York has been acceptably with us at this time. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The queries have been read in this meeting and the answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform that they attended, and present ~~communication~~ and extract from the minutes of that Meeting as follows, which the Clerk is directed to forward to the several Monthly Meetings

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Bottonville Mo. 1823. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are as follows: for Smithfield Jesse Butty, Arnold Myffum, Sewel Hodges and Samuel Smith -
Wabridge Josiah Shaw and Peter Farnum
Richmond George Harkness and Essek Cook
Botton Amos Wheeler and Henry Powers who are all present

Our esteemed friend James Hazard a minister in unity as expressed in a copy of a minute from Cornwall Monthly Meeting State of New York has been acceptably with us at this time. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform that they attended and present ~~communication~~ and extracts from the minutes of that meeting which the Clerk is directed to forward to the several Monthly Meetings

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the several Monthly Meetings.

The committee to visit our Monthly Meetings as was many years ago inform that they have given some attention to the service but are not fully ready to report The appointment is continued till our next quarter

Our esteemed friend Mary Bathy spread before this Meeting a concern which had for some time rested on her mind to pay a religious visit to some Meetings within the limits of Easton and Saratoga quarterly Meetings as expressed in a certificate from Smithfield Monthly Meeting which claiming the attention of this meeting a unity has been expressed with the proposal and the clerk is directed to enter an endorsement on some certificate accordingly. Josiah Shaw and Moses Aldrich are appointed to see that she is suitably accommodated for the journey.

The present representatives are directed to appropriate the sum of eighty dollars, our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock and report their doings at our next meeting. Arnold Buffum, Barnard Fowler and David Smith are appointed to audit the Treasurers accounts propose a sum for this meetings stock and nominate a Treasurer at our next meeting.

Richmond Mo. Meeting is requested to forward their proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock for 1821 and Yearly Meeting stock for 1822.

Here several printed copies of the London Epistle one of which has been read to our edification and comfort and are directed forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings.

From our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England from the 15th of 6 Mo to the 18th of the same inclusive 1823.

The Quarterly and Monthly Meetings herts belonging
Dear friends,

In entering upon the state of society as exhibited to us in the answers to the queries, a deep exertion has spread over our minds, and living desires are raised, that all under our profession may be engaged, above all other considerations, to sink down in the spirit

of their minds, to the gift of Divine grace, mercifully
vouchsafed to each and every one; and wait for his tendering
visitation upon the soul, whereby (as we are encouraged to believe)
required qualifications would be experienced for the discharge of
our several religious duties. A deep sense of our dependence
upon the gracious dispensing of these visitations for preservation
from the multiplied temptations and trials to which we are
subject, ought to encourage and animate us in the discharge
of the solemn duty of diligently attending our religious meet-
ings, and leading us, when assembled, to gather to the true
resting place, the rock of ages, humbly and reverently to
wait upon the Lord for a renewal of that strength which
cometh from him alone, and may none of us make it a
matter of convenience merely, thus to meet; but with
reverence and fear assemble ourselves together at our
stated times of meeting, remembering that thereby
we bear a noble testimony of our belief in the great
truths of the gospel and devotion to its cause.

May it be the earnest endeavour to seek after the
unity of the spirit, which is the bond of peace, and
to revive the language of one of our eminent worthies
"As we all profess the life of God to be the center of our
life and wellbeing, it becomes us all to differ in nothing,
but every one depart from that which tends to evil,"
May we be especially careful in all our movements,
to do nothing which may tend in any manner
to lay waste or destroy the unity of the body, remem-
bering that we are members one of another, and how-
ever in private judgment we may scruple or have
some doubts respecting any of its conclusions, yet we
believe that peace of mind will be experienced in sub-
mitting our own judgment. And that the very nature
of society requires this submission - for such is the
frailty of our natures, such our liability to err in

judgment, that we may well distrust ourselves, and be concerned not to be found opposing the wholesome order of the Church.

We are especially sollicitous, that in our publick meetings for divine worship, there may nothing appear tending to dissension or disorder; but that with all lowliness of mind, we may be concerned therein rightly to perform this interesting and solemn duty. And may there not be a disposition in any to follow the example of some to whom the Apostle was concerned to write, who said "I am of Paul and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas and I of Christ," but saith the Apostle "Is Christ divided, was Paul crucified for you, or were ye baptized in the name of Paul," No dear friends, he is one, and as we are concerned to come unto him, with a willing mind, and wait upon him, we shall all be baptized into one body, and become members of the true Church of which he is head.

It is painful to us to perceive, that notwithstanding our repeated endeavours, the use of spirituous liquors is not wholly confined to medicinal purposes; but that some still, in profession with us make too common use of them. Such we are concerned to address: That they may yet more deeply consider the awful risk they are venturing that they may pause upon the brink of the precipice, from which so many thousands of the human race have precipitated themselves. Are you aware dear friends how many of the comforts and blessings even of this life, you forego by an indulgence in this dangerous practice; Are you aware how much of your respectability and usefulness among your fellowmen you are sacrificing. We entreat you ponder seriously upon these things, and if yet you may, escape for your lives, look not upon the wine when it is red; when it giveth it, colour in the cup, for at the last, it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. May we all be concerned to labour together for the help one of another, and with meekness counsel one another, and watch over one another for good and when one is overtaken with a fault those who are spiritual endeavour for

his restoration. But we intreat you, let not any of
our precious testimonies, sealed to us by the sufferings
of our worthy predecessors, fall to the ground.

Firmly farewell. Remain to the brethren, and love
with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the
Meeting, exercised by Abraham Shummon, Clerk.

Extract from the report of the Boarding School
Committee.

The Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee
report that the School is under the government of the
same superintendents and teachers as at the time of our
last report - The average number of scholars has been
about seventy. Their general conduct, and improvement
in learning has been such as to be satisfactory and
encouraging to the Committee - Meetings for worship
have been kept up and as far as appears in an accepta-
ble manner. The Committee again conclude to admit
from each Monthly Meeting, one Scholar for six months
or two three months each free of expense.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Providence 2^d of 5th Mo 1823

Roxland Green
Alice Nuttall

At our Yearly Meeting of friends held on Rhode
Island for New England in 6th Mo. 1823.

It is concluded to raise eight hundred dollars
for the service of this meeting which our several
quarterly meetings are requested to forward to our
Treasurer in the same proportion as last year.

Smithfield quarterly meetings proportion is \$800.00

On behalf of the Meeting exercised

A. Shummon Jr, Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends
held at Leicester W. Mo. 13. 1823. By accounts
received from the several Monthly Meetings the
representatives are as follows: for Smithfield Job
Chase, Buffum Chase, William Buffum Jr
" Hoxbridge Peter Farman Josiah Thove
" Richmond Essek Cook and Israel Saben
who are present except Job Chase, Wm Buffum & Israel Saben.

Our beloved friend Isaac Stevenson with a certificate
from Darlington Monthly Meeting in England and a
concurring endorsement by Durham Quarterly Meeting
and also a certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders in London all expressive of his being a Min-
ister in unity, has been with us at this time; his com-
pany and Gospel labours have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend John N. Davis and his compan-
ion Shadrach Davis with copies of minutes from the
Monthly Meeting of New Bedford have been acceptably
with us at this time. The Clerk is directed to furnish
them with copies of their respective minutes.

The queries have been read with answers from the
several Monthly Meetings.

The committee on the subject of visiting our Monthly
Meetings inform that they are not fully ready to
report: Their appointment is continued till our next
quarter.

Smithfield in their account inform that they
have appointed Hiram Smith to the station of an
Elder; the further consideration of which is deferred
till our next meeting.

Our friend Mary Batley returned to this Meeting her certificate as noticed in the minutes of last quarter with such satisfactory minutes as she had been favoured with by her friends abroad. She also informed that she had performed the visit to her own piece of mind.

The Representatives to last quarter on the apportionment of stock report as follows: The representatives to last quarterly meeting to whom was referred the subject of a new apportionment of stock report that they have consulted together on the subject and are united in recommending that Smithfield Monthly Meeting raise \$40 on \$100

Uxbridge	"	"	"	40	"	"
Richmond	"	"	"	7.50	"	"
Bolton	"	"	"	12.50	"	"

Signed on behalf of the representative
Smithfield Mo. Mtg. 10th 23 Arnold Buffum

Our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock being \$80.
is apportioned as follows

Smithfield Mo. Meeting	\$ 32
Uxbridge	32
Richmond	6
Bolton	10

Which the Monthly Meetings are requested to forward
Neviland Kuthum, Thomas Fay, Silas Earle, Jesse Eddy,
Moses Farnum, Esck Cook, Peter Farnum, Jesse Batley,
Amos Aldrich and Exeziel Fowler are appointed to
to take into consideration the situation of our Meeting
Houses with regard to holding our quarterly meetings and
whether some alteration may not be usefully made
or some change with regard to the present places of
holding them and report thereon at our next meeting

The Committee to audit the Treasurers accounts are continued for that service till our next quarter.

The present Representatives are requested to nominate a Clerk and assistant at our next meeting.

Richmond Monthly Meeting is requested to forward their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock for 1824.

Thomas Fry Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Smithfield 2nd 12 - 1824.

By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are as follows:

For Smithfield, Zachus Southwick, John Kelly & Philip Walden.
" Uxbridge, Effingham L. Capron & Paul Aldrich Jr.
" Richmond, George Harkness & William Bassett.
" Bolton, David Smith & James N. Fry.

Who were all present except William Bassett, who sent a satisfactory reason for his absence.

The Representatives to last Quarter nominate Effingham L. Capron for Clerk, and William Buffum Jr. for assistant; which being acceptable to the meeting, they are appointed for one year.

Our esteemed Friend Micajah Collins attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting: his company and Gospel services have been acceptable. The Clerk is directed to give him a copy of this minute.

Satisfactory reasons were offered for the nonattendance of Israel Sabin and William Buffum Jr. at the last Quarterly Meeting. The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the several Monthly Meetings. The Committee appointed to visit Monthly Meetings not being ready to make a full report, they are continued, and requested to report next Quarter.

The subject of the appointment of Hannah Smith to the station of an Elder, referred from last Quarter, being weightily considered at this time, the appointment is confirmed with the approbation of our women's meeting, and Josiah Shove is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

The Committee on the subject of removing the Quarterly Meeting from Leicester made the following report, which is accepted, except that part of it, which relates to the height of the house, which is left to the discretion of the building Committee.

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

Your Committee to take into consideration the situation of our meetinghouses in regard to the accommodation of our Quarterly Meetings, have conferred on the subject, and after taking into view the inconvenience of the house at Leicester, and the small number of friends in that neighbourhood, and the remote situation of the place from the main body of Friends, we are agreed in recommending, that the Quarterly Meeting, that is now held at Leicester, be held at Northbridge at the same time, and that an addition be made to Northbridge meeting house of 16 feet by 20 with 10 feet posts. And we have estimated the expense, including a small addition to the shed, which we think is necessary, at \$300.

Amos Aldrich
Jesse Eddy
Rowland Rathbun } Committee
Moses Yarnum
Thomas Fry -

2^{mo} 10-1824.

Bernard Fowler, Arnold Aldrich, Paul Aldrich Sr, Isiah Hill, Jesse Eddy, Job Chase, James N. Fry, and Rowland Rathbun are appointed a Committee to provide materials, and superintend the building of said house, and report to this meeting when accomplished.

This meeting concludes to raise the sum of \$300 for the purpose of building said house and shed, and the Monthly Meetings are directed to forward their several proportions according to last apportionment to our Treasurer, and an account thereof to our next meeting.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, made the following report, which is accepted, and the several Monthly Meetings are directed to forward their proportions of \$40 to our Treasurer, and an account thereof to our next meeting; and Rowland Rathbun is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting to be held at Smithfield. Agreeable to appointment, we have examined and settled the Treasurer's accounts, and find a balance in his hands of one dollar & eighteen cents. We propose \$40 to be raised for Quarterly Meeting stock, and Rowland Rathbun for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Smithfield 2^{mo} 11-1824.

Arnold Ruffum
David Smith
Bernard Fowler

Northbridge & Bolton Monthly Meetings inform, that they have directed their Treasurer to pay ours their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock. Smithfield and Richmond are requested to pay theirs.

Offingham L. Capron Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North-
bridge 5th 18-1824.

By accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, the Represent-
atives are as follows:

Smithfield, Job Chase, Zacheus Southwick, Schabod Cook Jr & Daniel Hodge.
Northbridge, Josiah Shove and Moses Farnum.

Richmond, Esch Cook and Peregrine Wheeler.

Bottom, Thomas Fry and David Holder.

who are all present except Zacheus Southwick.

The Queries have been read with answers from all our Monthly
Meetings, from which the following summary has been compiled,
and directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our
Representatives, Royal Southwick, Thomas Fry, Rowland Rath-
burn, Seth Kelley, and John Osborne, who are requested to
report their attendance at our next quarter.

Answer 1st All our meetings have been attended, gener-
ally by the most of Friends, though there appears to be some
neglect in this important duty, particularly in the middle
of the week; the hour mostly observed; a few frequently over-
taken with sleep; not much other unbecoming behaviour
observed in our meetings.

2nd Love and Unity are pretty well maintained;
Detraction mostly guarded against, and where differences
have arisen, care has been taken to end them.

3rd Friends are not all so careful respecting plainness as
would be best; mostly careful to guard against the reading
of pernicious books and corrupt conversation; mostly exem-
-plary themselves; the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in
Friends' families.

4th Friends are careful, with few exceptions, to a-
void the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicine,
generally careful on those other occasions.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to;
careful in the other respects, except one placed out.

6th Mostly careful, that proceedings, with respect
to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th Mostly clear on those accounts.

8th There appears to be some deficiency in the settle-
ment of accounts and performance of promises; mostly
careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9 Marriages are all recorded; births and deaths
not all; a few removals without certificates.

10th Friends are careful to deal with offenders, though not without some delays in some instances; mostly careful to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

The Treasurer is directed to pay \$250 towards the expense of enlarging Northbridge meetinghouse to the building committee.

The Committee appointed to visit Monthly Meetings not being ready to report, are continued, and requested to attend to their appointment, and report next Quarter.

Smithfield and Richmond inform, that they have paid their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock.

Smithfield, Uxbridge, and Richmond, that they have paid their proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock, and for enlarging Northbridge Meetinghouse. Bolton have paid theirs for Quarterly Meeting stock, and \$22 towards the expense of Northbridge meetinghouse.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock to the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer.

Offingham L. Capron, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton Dec 12 - 1824.

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings, the Representatives are for
Smithfield, William Buffum Jr, David Grover, & Buffum Chase.
Uxbridge, Moses Farnum & Royal Southwick.
Richmond, Reuben Randall & William Bassett.
Bolton, Thomas Holder & Asa Wheeler.
who are all present.

The Representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting report, that they attended, and present extracts from the minutes of that meeting, which have been read, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies to the several Monthly Meetings.
The Queries have been read in this ^{with answers} meeting from all the Monthly Meetings.

By the extracts from the Yearly Meeting, it appears, that our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock for this year is \$70 which is apportioned among the Monthly Meetings as follows;
Smithfield \$20, Uxbridge \$20, Richmond \$5.25,
Bolton \$8.75.

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The Committee, appointed to visit Monthly Meetings, report, that they have paid some attention to their appointment, but are not ready to make a full report; they are continued, and requested to report next quarter.

Effingham L. Capron Clerk.

Extract

from the minutes of our yearly meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England in the 5th month 1824.

The Queries were read with answers from our several Quarterly Meetings, which brought a deep feeling of exercise over many minds, and led to the expression of a lively concern for the preservation of our various testimonies, in that feeling of redemption from the spirit of the world through the influence of Truth in which they originated. The deficiency manifest in the attendance of our religious meetings was affecting to many, and a sympathy bore towards friends in remote situations, and members of small meetings, was feelingly recommended to the attention of Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, as well as to individuals, who feel concerned for the promotion of the cause of Truth, and Friends in such situations, when unable, from peculiar circumstances, to meet with brethren for the interesting purpose of public Divine worship, were encouraged to sit down in retirement before the Lord in their own families. A state of watchfulness in Friends, when sitting in our meetings for business, was also feelingly recommended; that they may wait to know what is required at their hands, and to be enabled to move in that meekness of wisdom, which will give efficacy to their labours in promoting the objects of that Christian discipline, which it is fully believed was established among us in the ordering of Divine Truth.

Faithfulness in the great duty of admonition was urged upon the attention of Friends, whether standing in that relation towards their fellow members, which would seem to render it their more peculiar province, or as individuals, who are brought to feel for the preservation of those, who, they apprehend, are stepping aside, or falling short of that, to which the Truth would lead, with desires, that such may attend to the secret and gentle intimations of the Spirit of Christ in their own minds, pointing to such services, and seek for ability rightly to labour with others in the restoring spirit of love, and that, should they meet with their peculiar trials and sufferings, they may remember, that a blessing is attached to those who are found worthy to suffer for the cause of Truth, and thus be encouraged to hold on their way.

The want of love and unity manifest within our borders, at all times painful to the feeling mind, has been cause of exercise on the present occasion; and has given rise to a concern, that all the living members of the body, all who rightly feel for the preservation of that hedge, placed round about the society, which, in subserviency to the Spirit of Truth, it is believed, has been a blessing to it, may be

favoured to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; and, that, becoming more and more baptised into the one body, they may become a joy and a strength to one another.

A solicitude was felt, that parents may seek for that qualification, that will enable them rightly to watch over the minds of their children; to guard them against the snares and temptations, the spirit, the maxims, and fashions of the world; that they may avail themselves of opportunities when their minds are tender, and susceptible of impressions, to plead with them in the authority of restraining love; and that children may blend with the feeling of filial regard, the fear of offending a religiously exercised parent, and the necessity of obedience to that principle, implanted in their minds, the gentle intimations of which are often felt at a very early age; and as given heed to, will preserve from the snares of death, and enable us to say with one formerly, should we attain to advanced life: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

And that all, of every class, who are rightly concerned, being kept alive in the truth, and a feeling engagement of mind for their own advancement in the path of self denial, the influence of their example may become widely diffused, and they "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour."

From the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid,

Abraham Shearman Jr Clerk,

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England in the 6th month 1826.

It was concluded to raise seven hundred dollars for the service of the ensuing year, which our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to our Treasurer in the usual proportions. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting's proportion is \$70.

On behalf of said Meeting

Abraham Shearman Jr Clerk,

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England in the 6th month 1826.

It being proposed by Friends of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, that the term of that meeting, which has heretofore been held at Leicester in the 11th month, be in future held in the same month at Northbridge, the proposed alteration is agreed to.

On behalf of said Meeting

Abraham Shearman Jr Clerk,

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Report of the Boarding School Committee, presented to
the Yearly Meeting in the 6th month 1824.

The Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee report, that
they have continued their attention during the past year to
the concerns of the institution placed under their care, and
feel encouraged to believe, that the reasonable expectations
of Friends in regard to its usefulness to the children and youth
of society, will be measurably realised.

Matthew and Betsey Pirinton, the former Superintendents,
having expressed a desire to be released, the Committee have agreed
with Enoch and Lydia Bond to take charge of the school in that
capacity. The same Teachers are employed as at the time of our
last report. The average number of children at the school
has been about ninety. Their general conduct and improve-
ment have been satisfactory to the Committee.
It is again concluded to admit from each Monthly Meet-
ing one child for six months, or two children three months
each free of expense.

Our late friend Obadiah Brown, having placed at the
disposal of the Yearly Meeting a liberal bequest to the institu-
tion, as appears from extracts from his will, accompanying
our last report, it has appeared to the Committee, that most
benefit would result to the society at large from an ap-
propriation of a portion of the fund to the defraying of
a part of the expense of board and tuition. With this view
the Committee propose, that after the first of seven months
next, children may be admitted at the rate of sixteen
dollars per quarter.

On behalf of the Committee

Providence 7th of 5th month 1824.

Arnold Congdon
Mary A. Robinson

At a Meeting of the Boarding School Committee,
held at Newport 10th of 5th month 1824. Abraham Shearman
was requested to forward, with the extracts from the Minutes
of the Yearly Meeting copies of the foregoing report with a
note, that children, who are members of society, will
be admitted, as above proposed, at sixteen dollars per
quarter.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Northbridge 11^{mo} 11-1874.

Received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings;
the Representatives are for
Smithfield, Jesse Battery, Ichabod Cooke Jr, and Daniel Inman.
Northbridge, Moses Farnum, Royal Southwick, and Amos Aldrich.
Richmond, Levi Randall and Esch Cook.
Bolton, James S. Fry and Josiah Badcock.
who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from
the several Monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed to visit Monthly Meetings made
the following report, which is accepted.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting inform, that they have appoint-
ed Rowland Rathbun to the place of an Elder, which, after
consideration, having the concurrence of our women's meeting,
is united with. Jesse Battery is appointed to inform the
select Quarterly meeting thereof.

Our beloved Friend Daniel Howland attended this meeting
with a copy of a minute from Greenwich Monthly Meet-
ing; his company and Gospel services have been accepta-
ble to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy
of this minute.

Received a number of copies of the printed London-
Epistle, one of which was read in this meeting to our ed-
ification. The Clerk is directed to forward them to the
several Monthly Meetings.

The time having expired, for which the Clerk and
Assistant were appointed, the Representatives are request-
ed to nominate suitable persons for those places at the
next Quarterly Meeting.

Effingham L. Capron Clerk.

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At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield 2nd 10-1825.

By accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, the
Representatives are for
Smithfield - Walter Allen, Philip Wolder, and Johnson Legg.
Uxbridge, Amos Merick and Josiah Shove.
Richmond, Amory Wilson, and David Randall.
Polson, Amos Wheeler and Jonathan Fry.

All present except Amory Wilson, and Amos Wheeler,
the former sent satisfactory reason for his absence.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting nomi-
nate Effingham L. Capron for Clerk, and William
Beffern Jr for assistant, which being acceptable to the
meeting, they are appointed for one year.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with
answers from the several monthly meetings.

The Committee appointed to enlarge Northbridge Meet-
inghouse made the following report.

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting to be held
10th of 2nd month 1825.

We of your Committee to enlarge Northbridge meet-
inghouse &c. report, that we have enlarged said
house 16 feet by 28, the same height of the old house,
the cost of which is \$279.37, and provided a stove, which
cost \$27 and built a barnet shed 20 feet by 18 cost
\$46.67, the whole amount \$353.04, and the Treasurer
has paid \$277, and there remains due to the Committee
\$76.04, all which we submit to the meeting.

Smithfield 2nd 9-1825. Rowland Rathburn

Jesse Eddy

Bernard Fowler

James S. Fry

which is accepted, and the Treasurer is authorized to hire
\$76.04 for the purpose of defraying said expense.

John Osborne, Effingham L. Capron, Thomas Fry, Moses Far-
num, & David Randall are appointed to audit the Treas-
urer's account, to propose a sum for this meeting's stock,
nominate a Treasurer for the ensuing year, and report
to next Quarterly Meeting.

Effingham L. Capron, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Northbridge 5^{mo} 12-1825.

Received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives are for
Smithfield, Job Chase, Arnold Aldrich, and Asa Kelley.
Northbridge, Edward Foster and Jesse Eddy.
Richmond, Esch Cook and Obed Harkness.
Bolton, Jonathan Fry and Stephen Wheeler,
who were all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the several Monthly Meetings, from which the following general answers have been compiled, which the Clerk is directed to forward to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives, Jonathan Fry, Obed Harkness, Moses Sarnum, and Asa Kelley, who are requested to report their attendance to our next Quarterly Meeting.

1st All our meetings have been attended, except a few small meetings, mostly occasioned by sickness; and generally by most Friends, though some are deficient herein; the hour mostly observed; not all present from sleeping; not much ^{other} unbecoming behaviour therein.

2^d Love and Unity are in general maintained; detraction mostly guarded against; when differences have appeared, endeavours have been used to end them.

3^d Friends are mostful careful in regard to those under their care respecting plainness, reading pernicious books, and corrupt conversation, and mostly exemplary; and the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families.

4th The use of spirituous liquors is confined mostly to medicine, though not wholly so; some care taken; the unnecessary frequenting of taverns &c. generally avoided; moderation and temperance mostly observed.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved; some assistance rendered in the education of children; few placed out from among friends.

6th We believe proceedings with respect to marriage are mostly conducted conformable to discipline.

7th Our testimony is pretty well maintained in these respects.

8th Friends are mostly careful to insist their affairs and settle their accounts, and generally punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Marriages are all recorded; births and deaths more neglected; a few cases of removals without certificates under notice.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried, and to place judgment when it appears necessary according to discipline.

Smithfield, Uxbridge, and Bolton inform, that they have directed their Treasurer to pay ours their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock. Richmond is requested to forward theirs, and an account thereof to our next meeting.

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts made the following report.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's accounts report, that we have attended to our appointment, examined, and settled the Treasurer's accounts, and find a balance in his hands of \$20.30; that there yet remains due towards the expense of enlarging Northbridge Meeting house \$76.06; and that there still remains due from Richmond Monthly Meeting \$25. we would propose the sum of \$80 be raised to cover the expenses of the ensuing year. We propose Rowland Rathbun for Treasurer, all which is submitted to the Quarterly Meeting.

Northbridge 12th of 5^{mo} 1825. John Osborne

Effingham L. Capron

The above report is accepted, and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to pay \$80 in the following proportions.

Smithfield	\$2
Uxbridge	32
Richmond	6
Bolton	10

and Rowland Rathbun is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year. Effingham L. Capron Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton
June 11 1825.

Received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings; the Representatives are for
Smithfield, Luke Aldrich, Jesse Battey, and Schaboe Cooke,
Upbridge, Daniel Clap, and Amos Aldrich.
Richmond, Peregrine Wheeler and Abel Harkness.
Bolton, Calvin Gates and Stephen Wheeler.
who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the several Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved Friend, George Hutton, attended this meeting with a certificate from White water Monthly Meeting in the State of Indiana with an endorsement from White water Quarterly Meeting, expressive of their unity with him as a minister. His company and Gospel services have been acceptable. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved Friend James Hazard attended this meeting with a certificate from Cornwall Monthly Meeting in the State of New York, endorsed by Cornwall Quarterly Meeting, expressing their unity with him as a minister. His company and Gospel services have been acceptable. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Representatives report, that they attended, and presented the following extracts from the minutes of said meeting which the Clerk is directed to forward to the several Monthly Meetings.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England June 1825.

It is concluded to raise five Hundred dollars for the service of the ensuing year, which our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer in the usual proportions. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting's proportion is fifty dollars.

From the Minutes of said Meeting
Abraham Shearman Jr Clerk

The several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward \$50 to our Treasurer in the following proportions:

Smithfield	\$ 20
Upbridge	- 20
Richmond	3.75
Bolton	- 6.25

David Smith, Daniel Clap, Thomas Fry, Rowland ~~Wentworth~~, Amos Aldrich, and Jesse Battey are

appointed a committee to visit Richmond Monthly Meeting to give friends there such advice and assistance as they may think ~~it~~ necessary, to visit other Monthly Meetings if way may open, and report to next Quarterly Meeting.

The several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock; and Richmond their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock for 1826.

Effingham L. Cabron Clerk,

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Northbridge Nov^r 10-1825.

Received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives are for Smithfield, Shadrach Steere, Ben Kelley, Bowland Northrup, and Daniel Hodges.

Northbridge, Joseph Congdon, and Joseph Shaw, Richmond, John Bowles, and Nathan Randall.

Bolton, James N. Fry, and Henry Powers. who were all present except Daniel Hodges & John Bowles. The Deputies have been read with answers from the several Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Huldah Hoag attended this meeting with a certificate from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting expressing their unity with her as a minister. Her company and Gospel services have been acceptable. The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Sarah Emken attended this meeting with a certificate from Chester Monthly Meeting, in Pennsylvania, endorsed by Concord Quarterly Meeting, expressing their unity with her as a minister. Her company and Gospel services have been acceptable. The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The company of Jesse J. Maris and Esther Lewis, companions of Sarah Emken, and of John Knowles and Nettie Austin, companions of Huldah Hoag have been acceptable.

The account from Bolton Monthly Meeting informs that they have appointed James N. Fry to the station of an Elder; which being unanimously considered is united with, having the concurrence of our women's meeting and Beth Kelly is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

A part of the Committee appointed to visit Richmond and other Monthly Meetings report, that they they have attended to their appointment, and recommend that an addition be made to the committee, and that they be continued for one year; which is accepted, and they are continued with the addition of Moses Aldrich, Edward Foster, Arnold Aldrich, Royal Southwick, Josiah Shaw, and Levi Leham, and requested to report in the 11th month next year.

The time for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed having expired, the Representatives to this meeting are requested to nominate suitable persons for those places at our next Quarterly Meeting.

The several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportion of yearly meeting stock, and Richmond their proportion of Quarterly meeting stock, and of Yearly meeting stock for 1826.

Effingham L Capron Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 2nd mo 9-1826.

Received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings; the Representatives are for

Smithfield, Chad Smith, Job Chase, and Schabod Cooke.
Uxbridge, Royal Southwick and Edward Foster.
Richmond, Levi Wheeler and David Randall.
Bolton, Jonathan Fry and Amos Wheeler,
who were all present except Levi Wheeler.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting nominate Effingham L Capron for Clerk and William Buffum Jr Assistant, which being acceptable to the meeting, they are appointed for one year.

The Queries have been read with the required answers from the several Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved Friend James Hazard attended this meeting with a certificate from Cornwall Monthly

Meeting, endorsed by Cornwall Quarterly Meeting²²⁹, expressing their unity with him as a Minister. His company and Gospel services have been acceptable. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Smithfield, Uxbridge, and Richmond Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, and Richmond their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock, ~~and of Yearly Meeting Stock~~.

The Clerk is directed to furnish Jesse J. Nais with a copy of the minute made on his account at our last Quarterly Meeting.

Effingham L. Capron Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo 11th 1826.

Received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings, the Representatives are for
Smithfield, William Buffum Jr., Moses Aldrich & Schabou Cook.
Uxbridge, Josiah Shove, Silas Earle, and Edward Foster.
Richmond, Moses Allen Jr. and Amory Wilson.
Bolton, Jonathan Fry and Josiah Badcock.
who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the several monthly meetings, from which the following summary has been compiled, which the Clerk is directed to forward to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives, who are Josiah Shove, Rowland Rathbun, James N. Fry, and Oleg Aldrich; they are requested to report their attendance to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Effingham L. Capron and John Osborn are appointed a committee to settle the Treasurer's account, to report what sum they may think proper to raise and nominate a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

- Answer 1st. All our meetings have been attended, except one small Preparative Meeting, occasioned by sickness, and generally by most friends; the hour mostly observed; some appearance of sleep in some at times; of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear.
- 2^d Love and Unity are pretty well maintained by most friends; detraction mostly guarded against; endeavours have been used to end differences when they have appeared.
- 3^d Friends are mostly careful as to plainness, reading pernicious books, and corrupt conversation, in a good degree exemplary themselves; the Scriptures are frequently read in most friends' families.
- 4th The use of spirituous liquors is not confined to medicinal purposes by all; some care has been taken; the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort mostly avoided; and moderation and temperance in a good degree observed.
- 5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and assistance rendered in giving learning to their children; two children placed out from among friends.
- 6th We believe that friends are careful for the most part that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.
- 7th Friends are mostly careful to maintain a faithful testimony against the several particulars named in this Query.
- 8th Not all so careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts as would be best; generally punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.
- 9th Marriages are all recorded; births and deaths not all; no removals without certificates but what are under notice.
- 10th Care is taken to deal with offenders as queried, and to place judgment when it appears necessary according to discipline.

Effingham L. Capron, Clerk.

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At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton
June 10 - 1826.

Received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings. The Representatives are for Smithfield, Jesse Battey, Moses Aldrich, and Otis Thayer. Uxbridge, Royal Southwick, and Amos Aldrich. Richmond, Reuben Randall and Amory Wilson. Bolton, Thomas Holder and Calvin Gates, who are all present, except Calvin Gates, whose absence is occasioned by indisposition.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from the several Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report, that they attended, and present extracts from the minutes of that meeting, which have been read, and the Clerk is requested to forward them to the several Monthly Meetings. They also present a number of copies of the London General Epistle for 1825; one of which was read in this meeting to our edification. The Clerk is directed to divide them among the monthly Meetings.

By the extracts from the Yearly Meeting, it appears, that our proportion of yearly meeting stock is \$60, which the Monthly Meetings are requested to pay in the following proportions.

Smithfield \$24, Uxbridge \$24, Richmond \$4.50, Bolton \$7.50.

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account made the following report.

To Smithfield Quarterly Meetings

We your Committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account report, that we have examined, and settled the same, and found a balance due from him of 87 cents; that there is at this time nothing due from any Monthly Meeting to the Quarterly Meeting, and no demands unpaid against the meeting. We would propose the sum of \$40 for the Quarterly Meeting to raise to meet the expenses of the ensuing year, and nominate Rowland Rathbun as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Smithfield June 6 - 1826.

John Osborne
Ephraim L. Capron

The above report is accepted; Rowland Rathbun is appointed Treasurer for one year; and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportions of \$40 to the Treasurer as follows.

Smithfield \$16, Uxbridge \$16, Richmond \$3, Bolton \$5.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in their account informs, that Gideon Mowry has appealed from the judgment of that meeting in disowning him as a member. Moses Aldrich, James V. Fry, Jesse Battey, David Smith, Otis Thayer, and Thomas Fry are appointed a committee to hear the parties on the subject, and report their opinion at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Effingham L. Capron Clerk.

Extracts from the Yearly Meeting.

At our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for New England 6^{mo} 1826.

It is concluded to raise six hundred dollars for the service of this meeting, which our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer in the usual proportions. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting's proportion is sixty dollars.

On behalf of said meeting

Abraham Shearman Jr Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends, held on Rhode Island for New England in the 6th month - 1826.

The following report of the Boarding School Committee being read and considered is acceptable to the meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our Quarterly Meetings, that it may be transmitted through them to the several Monthly Meetings. From the minutes of said meeting,

A. Shearman Jr Clerk.

The Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee report, that they have given their attention to the concerns of the Institution through the past year, and feel a satisfaction in being able to state their belief, that its usefulness to society continues to increase.

The school is under the charge of Enoch and Lydia Breed, as Superintendents; and Isaac Jones, David Daniels, George Jones, Abigail Pierce, Sarah Caille, and Mary Ann as teachers.

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Meetings for worship have been regularly continued, and the family has been preserved in harmony. The average number of scholars for the past year has been one hundred and ten. The receipts for board and tuition, together with the income of the fund, have proved equal to the expenditures.

It is again concluded to admit one child from each Month-ly Meeting six months, or two children three months each, free of expense, provided their term be accomplished within the year succeeding the yearly Meeting. The terms of admission of children the same as last year.

The account of the Treasurer of the School Fund has been exhibited and audited. The additions to the wings of the School-house, as contemplated in our report of last year, have been completed; the expense of which, together with the necessary improvements in the old part of the house, amounts in the whole to eight thousand eight hundred thirty five dollars and fifty nine cents. Of this sum, seven thousand four hundred eighty four dollars and eighteen cents has been collected of the disposable fund, and paid; leaving a balance of thirteen hundred and fifty one dollars and forty one cents now due; to liquidate which, there remain of the disposable fund, uncollected, two thousand fifty two dollars and seventy five cents.

The average number of scholars for the last five months has been one hundred and thirty six, a much larger number than at any former period; experience has proved, that the additions were necessary for the suitable accommodation and comfort of the scholars and family.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

Nosea Brown

Mary B. Allen

5th of 5th month 1826.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North-
bridge 11^{mo} 9-1826.

Received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings
the representatives are for Smithfield, John Kelley, Peleg
Mowry, and Chad Smith; Uxbridge, Royal Southwick and
Amos Aldrich; Richmond, Reuben Randall, Levi Randall,
and Esch Cook; Bolton, Amos Wheeler and James N. Fry,
who are all present, except Levi Randall, who sent a satisfac-
tory reason for his absence.

The Queries have been read with answers from the several
Monthly Meetings.

The Committee in the case of Gideon Mowry's appeal from
the judgment of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting made the following
report.

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting to be held at North-
bridge in the 11^{mo} next.

Your committee in the case of Gideon Mowry's appeal
from the judgment of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting have had
an interview with the parties, and indulged them with a full
opportunity of explaining the case, and from the view we have
taken of the subject, it is our sense and judgment, that it will
be best to confirm the judgment of that Monthly Meeting.

Bolton Jan 11-1826.

Jesse Battey
Moses Aldrich
James N. Fry
David Smith
Otis Thayer
Thomas Fry

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Which is accepted and the judgment of that Monthly Meeting
is hereby confirmed. The Clerk is directed ^{to forward} a copy of this minute
to each Monthly Meeting a copy of this minute.

The committee appointed in the 11^{mo} last to visit Richmond and
other Monthly Meetings made the following report.

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting to be held at Northbridge 11^{mo} 9-1826.

Dear Friends, We of your committee appointed in the 11th month last to visit Rich-
mond and other Monthly Meetings in this Quarterly Meeting, as was should open
have endeavoured to attend to our appointment, and we, whose names are here sub-
scribed, have all attended Richmond Monthly Meeting, and most of us several
times, and have endeavoured to labour in the ability received to promote harmony and
good order amongst them, and our endeavours appeared to be well received by most
of them, and a disposition manifested to endeavour to unite and harmonize together
all brethren, yet we think a continued care of the Quarterly Meeting is still necessary.

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Which is accepted. James N. Fay, Josiah Shove, Chad Smith, Seth Kelley, Rowland Rathbun, Moses Aldrich, and Royal Southwick are appointed a committee to join a committee of women Friends to visit Richmond Monthly Meeting, and such others, as may appear to need their assistance, and are requested to report in the 11th next year.

Smithfield and Bolton in their accounts inform, that they have directed their Treasurer to pay ours their proportion of Yearly and Quarterly Meeting stock. Wbridge has also forwarded their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock. The time for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed having expired, the Representatives to this meeting are requested to nominate suitable persons for those places at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Effingham L. Capron, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 2nd 8-1827.

Received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings; the Representatives are for Smithfield, Zachus Southwick, Ichabod Cooke, and Shadrach Steer. Wbridge, Royal Southwick, and Effingham L. Capron, Richmond, Moses Allen, and Esck Cooke. Bolton, Moses Whaler^{Jr} and Henry Powers, who were all present, except Esck Cooke.

The Representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting not being ready to nominate a Clerk and Assistant at this meeting, they were continued, and requested to report at our next Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries were read with answers from all the Monthly Meetings except Wbridge.

Wbridge Monthly Meeting informed, that they had paid their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock.

Effingham L. Capron, Clerk.

* towards them as well as some others in the Quarterly Meeting, which some of us have occasionally visited; which we submit to the Quarterly Meeting.

Mary Batley	Josiah Shove
Allice Rathbun	Moses Aldrich
Edward Foster	Jesse Batley
Elizabeth Smith	Silas Barle
David Smith	Arnold Aldrich
Jonathan Fay	Rowland Rathbun
Daniel Clapp	

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends
held at Northbridge 5 Mo 11. 1827. Received accounts
from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives
are for Smithfield Asa Kelly and Arnold Aldrich
" Northbridge Josiah Shove and Anna Hdrick
" Richmond Esch Lock and Levi Randall
" Jonathan Fry and Edwin Fotes who are all
present except Levi Randall. ^{The Representatives}
^{imply propose} ^{themselves} Fry for Clerk and Jonathan H. Shove for Assistant
If they are appointed accordingly for one year.

The queries have been read in this meeting
and answers prepared which are directed to be
forwarded to our next yearly meeting by our
representatives. Newland Northben, Jesse Butler
Edinburgh L. Capron Jonathan Fry and Moses
Hamm who are requested to report their
attendance next quarter.

Esch Lock offered a satisfactory reason for
his nonattendance at last quarter.

Resolved

1st All our meetings have been attended except two
by influence of the weather and generally by
most friends. Yet some are much deficient
herein. The hour nearly observed. Some come
with sleep at times. Not much other unbecoming
behaviour noticed.

2nd Love and Unity measurably maintained.
detraction we believe mostly guarded against
where differences have arisen endeavours have
been used to end them.

3rd Not so careful respecting plainness as would
be best, & mostly careful to restrain from reading
pamphlets, books and from correct conversation
and pretty exemplary themselves. The Holy
Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

4th The use of spirituous liquors except for medicine
is mostly guarded against tho' not wholly w. by
all. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns avoided
and moderation and temperance generally observed.

- 5th We believe timely care is extended towards those who are likely to need assistance, some placed among friends under circumstances beyond control.
- 6th We believe proceedings with regard to marriage are generally conducted conformably to discipline.
- 7th Our testimony in these respects is maintained.
- 8th Friends are mostly careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, and, with few exceptions, punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.
- 9th Marriages well recorded births mostly so the record of deaths and burials neglected care is taken in regard to certificates.
- 10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as guided the ¹¹not always so seasonably as might be best and to spare judgment where it appears necessary according to discipline.

Thomas W. W.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting officiated
held at Bolton C. M. 9th 1827

By accounts received from all our Monthly meetings the representatives are as follows:
for Smithfield Luke Aldrich, Stephen Shawson
Bassum Chase and Sherburne Nuttall
" Hethridge, Silas Carter and Peter Aldrich
" Richmond Reuben Rundell, Amy Wilcox
" Bolton James Wheeler & James V. Fay who are
all present except Bassum Chase for whose absence
a sufficient reason was offered —

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the several monthly meetings.

Our esteemed friend Thomas Shillotte attended this Meeting with Certificates from the yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders in London and the Monthly Meeting of Hitchin and an endorsement by Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Quarterly Meeting, all expressive of his being a minister in great esteem: his company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended and present a communication from that meeting, the report of the Boarding School committee and a transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Indiana all which the Clerk is directed to forward to the several Monthly Meetings.

By extracts it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meeting's stock is sixty dollars which the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward as follows

Southfield	24.00
Webster	24.00
Richmond	4.50
Boston	7.50

Jonathan H. Moore and William Buffum Jr. are appointed to audit the treasurer's account, prepare a sum for the meetings stock and nominate a treasurer at our next meeting

Thomas W. Clark

44 Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held
at Northbridge N. H. 8th May 1827

Received into from all our Northern Meeting
the representatives are Rev. Smithfield Woodcock
Steele Otis Bartlett and Schooler Cook for
Northbridge Josiah Shaw and Silas Eastle
Richmond Levi Randall and Amey Wilson and
Boston Aaron Randall, Bolton Levi Wheeler Jonathan Fry
Who are all present except Woodcock Steele

The queries have been read in this meeting with
answers from the several monthly meetings.

The clerk and assistant being absent, Effingham
L. Capron and William Buffum Jr are appointed to
fill their places at this time.

The committee appointed at the last Quarterly
Meeting to audit the treasurers accounts make the
following report. Viz We have examined and
settled the Treasurers accounts and find a balance
due him of ninety one cents. We propose Rowland
Ratthum for Treasurer, and the sum of \$1.00 for
quarterly meetings stock. Wm Buffum Jr
Smithfield N. H. 4 1827 Jonathan Shaw

Which is accepted, Rowland Ratthum is appointed
treasurer for one year, and the several monthly
meetings are requested to forward their proportion
of \$1.00 to him in cash as follows
Smithfield \$ 16.00 Northbridge 16.00
Richmond 3.00 Bolton 5.00

The committee appointed in the N. H. last year not
being ready to report make a full report the subject is by
their request referred to month and they are requested
to report in the 3rd Mo next

30 printed copies of the communication from our
last Yearly Meeting have been presented one of which
has been read in this meeting to our edification.
The representatives are requested to divide them in
suitable proportions and forward them to the monthly
meetings
Effingham L. Capron Clerk for the day

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends
held at Smithfield 2nd Mo. 1828.

By accounts received from the monthly
meetings the representations are as follows (viz)
Smithfield Jacobus Southwick, Asa Kelly and
Middwich Steen

Wybridge Royal Southwick & Levi Lapham
Richmond Eschlock and Levi Wheeler

Bolton John Hinmurs and Jonathan May
who are all present. The queries have been read
in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings.

The present representatives are requested to
nominate suitable persons for Clerk and
Assistant at our next meeting.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting inform that
their Treasurer has paid over their proportion
of yearly meeting stock; Bolton theirs of Yearly
and Quarterly Meeting stock.

Jonathan M. Shove Assistant
Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Northbridge 5th mo 8th 1828.

By accounts from the several Monthly Meetings the
representatives are as follows.

Smithfield, William Buffum Jr, Rowland Rathbun & Seth Kelly.

Wybridge, Amos Aldrich, Josiah Shove and Royal Southwick.

Richmond, Rufus Randall and Reuben Randall.

Bolton, Daniel Wheeler and James N. Fry.

All present, except Rufus Randall.

The representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting propose
Offingham L. Capron for Clerk, and Jonathan M. Shove
for assistant, which being satisfactory, they are appointed accord-
-ingly for one year.

The queries have been read in this meeting with an-
-swers from the several Monthly Meetings, from which

general answers have been compiled, descriptive of our present state, which the Clerk is directed to forward to the yearly Meeting by our Representatives, who are Rowland Nathburn, Daniel Clapp, Thomas Fry, and Peter Farnum. They are requested to report their attendance at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting inform, that they have paid their proportion of yearly and Quarterly Meeting stock to our Treasurer.

Received a number of copies of the London General Epistle, one of which was read to our edification. The representatives are requested to forward them to the several Monthly Meetings in their due proportions.

This Meeting is informed, that Smithfield have paid their proportion of Quarterly Meeting stock.

Effingham L. Capron, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton June 14th 1828.

Received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings; the Representatives are for

Smithfield, George Read, Seth Hilley, and Philip Walden.

Uxbridge, Royal Southwick and Silas Earle.

Richmond, David Randall, Levi Randall and Reuben Randall.

Bolton, Calvin Gates and Joseph Holder.

Who are all present, except Philip Walden, Levi Randall and Reuben Randall. For the absence of the two last named Friends, a satisfactory reason was offered.

The Queries were read with answers from the several Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives to the last yearly Meeting report, that they attended, and present a number of copies of the Yearly Meeting Epistle, Extracts from its minutes, and Report of the Boarding School Committee; all which were read in this meeting. The Clerk is directed to record them, and forward to the Monthly Meetings.

Effingham L. Capron Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island in the 6th month 1828.

The following minutes, adopted with the concurrence of the women's meeting, were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

This meeting having been introduced into a weighty consideration of the relation, in which we stand towards Friends of some of the other Yearly Meetings on this continent, in which difficulties have lamentably prevailed, till separation has been the result, we have deemed it our indispensable duty to meet the exigencies of the occasion, by manifesting our unity with those meetings, which have continued steadfast in their adherence to the ancient order, discipline, and faith of the society, and our disunity with those, who have receded therefrom; and it is therefore our conclusion, that no removal or other certificates be received from, or transmitted to, such meetings, as are known to have receded from the ancient foundation of our society. And Friends are cautioned against opening our meetinghouses to any, who have identified themselves with the bodies, thus receding; and all our members are advised not to attend meetings, that may be held, or appointed by such.

The annexed Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia, by adjournments from the 21st to the 28th of the 4th month last, show what meetings, within its limits, are in unity with that Yearly Meeting.

Till some more certain information shall be received of the situation of the various meetings within the compass of the Yearly Meeting of New York, and other Yearly Meetings, in which, division, or a departure from the principles, and practices, which once united us together as one people, is unhappily manifesting itself, we recommend to all our subordinate meetings the exercise of a sound discretion in the premises. And should cases occur, in which any of our meetings find it difficult to decide, they are requested to apply to the Meeting for Sufferings for its advice; and said meeting is desired to give its attention to the subject, and render all the assistance herein from time to time, that it may be qualified to afford.

From the Minutes of said Meeting
Abraham Shearman, Jr. Clerk.

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Extract from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends,
held in Philadelphia by adjournments from the 21st to the 28th
of 4th month 1828, accompanying their Epistle of that date.

On considering the difficulties and embarrassments,
in which meetings may be involved for want of knowing, whether
certificates, which may be produced to them, are issued by meeting
in unity with us, several Friends in each of our Quarterly Meetings
are appointed as correspondents, one or more of whom are to sign
(in addition to the usual mode of signing) all certificates, given
forth for Friends; and it is requested, in order that certificates
may duly reach the meetings, to which they are directed, that they
be addressed or sent to one of those Friends. The names of the
correspondents, with their respective places of residence, are sub-
joined.

Philadelphia Quarter	Joseph Whitaker - Muncy	
	John Lee - Exeter	
	John Paul - Philadelphia	
	Isaac W. Morris - Philadelphia	
Abington Quarter	Charles Shoemaker - Abington	
	Jesse Spencer - Guilford	
	James Bell - Stroudsburg	
Bucks Quarter	Joseph Satterthwaite - Falls Township	Bucks Co Pennsylvania
	John W. Balderson - Solebury	
	Benjamin Wiggins - Wrightstown	
Concord Quarter	Joseph Rhoads - Maple Township	Delaware Co Pennsylvania
	Nathan Sharpless - Concord	
	John Forsyth - West Goshen - Chester Co	
Calm Quarter	Robert Moore - Sadsbury	Chester Co Pennsylvania
	Thomas Jackson - Robeson	
	George H. Ashbridge - Downingtown	
Western Quarter	William Bailey - London Grove	Chester Co Pennsylvania
	Edward B. Temple - Parkersville Post Office	
	Thomas Lambourn - New Garden	
Burlington Quarter	William Allison - Burlington City	New Jersey
	William Newbold - Upper Springfield	
	Samuel Bunting - Crosswicks - Burlington Co	
	Daniel Parker - Duckerton	
Haddonfield Quarter	Barzillai Leeds - Great Egg Harbour	New Jersey
	John Gill - Haddonfield	
	Joseph Matlack - Moorestown	
	Joshua Stokes - Upper Evesham	

Salem Quarter -	Samuel Webster - Woodbury	} New Jersey
	Asaph Wistar - Salem	
	George Bacon - Greenwich	
Shrewsbury & Rahway Quarter	Benjamin Parker - Shrewsbury	} New Jersey
	Jacob Parker - Rahway	
	Nathan Tail - Plainfield	

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England
held on Rhode Island in the 1st month 1828.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee
having been read, and considered is satisfactory to this meeting,
and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several
Monthly Meetings for their information.

From the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid.

Abraham Shearman Jr Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Boarding School Committee report, that they have given
their attention to the concerns of the institution the past year, and
feel encouraged to believe, that the expectations of Friends, in regard
to its usefulness to the children and youth of the society, will be re-
alised. The school is continued under the charge of Enoch and Lydia
Breed, as Superintendents; Isaiah Jones, George Jones, Moses Mitchell,
Abigail Pearce, Mary Almy, and Lydia B. Allen, as teachers.

The average number of scholars for the past year has been one
hundred and twenty one, and their general conduct and improve-
ment have been satisfactory to the Committee. Meetings for wor-
ship have been regularly held, and occasionally attended by some
of the Committee. The family has been preserved in a good degree of harmony.

The account of the Treasurer of the school fund has been received
and audited; and the state of the fund is such, that the Committee
think it safe to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that children, who are mem-
bers of the Yearly Meeting, be admitted after the 1st of the 7th month next
at twelve and a half dollars per quarter, and that the several Monthly
Meetings have the privilege of sending one child through the year, or
two children six months each, free of expense; and should any surplus
remain, that the Committee may consider it safe to appropriate, that it may
be at their disposal in aid of the charitable funds of this institution.

The Committee again feel it their duty to recommend to the attention of
parents, and others having the care of children, and to the Committees of
Monthly Meetings, their previous advices on the interesting subject of
plainness, and particularly the Minutes accompanying their Report in 1825,
which were printed and distributed by direction of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
Providence 5th month 2^d 1828

Moses Brown
Elizabeth Congdon

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Northbridge 11^{mo} 13 - 1828.

Received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings,
the Representatives are for
Smithfield, Jesse Battey, Johnson Legg, and William Buffum Jr.
Northbridge, Royal Southwick and Peter Yarnum.
Richmond, Esch Cook and Daniel Bassett.
Bolton, Asa Wheeler and James M. Fry.
who are all present, except Peter Yarnum, for whose absence
a satisfactory reason was offered.

The Queries have been read with answers from the several
Monthly Meetings.

By Extracts from the minutes of the last Yearly Meeting,
it appears, that our proportion of stock, ordered by that meet-
ing, is seventy dollars, which our Monthly Meetings are
requested to forward to our Treasurer in the following propor-
tions, viz.

Smithfield	\$ 20
Northbridge	28
Richmond	5.25
Bolton	8.75

Asa Kelly and Bernard Fowler are appointed a Com-
mittee to audit the Treasurer's account, propose a sum for
this meeting's stock, and nominate a Treasurer at our next meet-
ing.

By the account from Richmond, it appears, that
they have paid their proportion of Yearly and Quarterly
Meeting stock ordered in 1827.

Effingham L. Capron, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield 2^{mo} 12 - 1829.

Received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings,
the Representatives are for
Smithfield, George Read, Walter Allen, and Jesse Battey.
Northbridge, Amos Aldrich and Bernard Fowler.
Richmond, Esch Cook and Elijah Harkness.
Bolton, Daniel Wheeler and James M. Fry.
who are all present except Esch Cook.

The Queries were read with the required answers from the several Monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, made the following report.

To a Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends to be held on 2nd mo 12th 1829.

We your committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account &c. have attended to our appointment, and find a balance in his hands of fifteen dollars and thirty four cents, and we propose forty dollars to be raised for Quarterly Meeting stock, and Rowland Rathbun for Treasurer, which we respectfully submit to the meeting.

Bernard Fowler
Asa Kelly

which is accepted, and Rowland Rathbun is appointed Treasurer for one year; and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to raise the sum of \$40 in the following proportions, and forward the same to the Treasurer.

Smithfield	16
Uxbridge	16
Richmond	3
Bolton	5

By the account from Bolton, it appears, that they have paid their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock.

The Representatives are requested to nominate suitable persons for Clerk and Assistant at our next Quarterly Meeting

Effingham L. Cupron Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo 14th 1829.

Received accounts from all our Monthly Meetings the Representatives are for

Smithfield, Asa Kelly, Rowland Rathbun, Jesse Batley & Moses Far.
Uxbridge, Royal Southwick, Silas Earle, and Amos Aldrich.
Richmond, Moses Allen, and Rufus Randall.
Bolton, Josiah Badcock and Jonathan Fry.
who are all present, except Rufus Randall.

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The Representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting nominated Effingham L. Capron for Clerk and Jonathan M. Shove for Assistant; which being acceptable to the meeting, they are appointed for one year.

The Queries were read with answers from all our Monthly Meetings, from which, the following summary was compiled, which the Clerk is directed to forward to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives, Jonathan M. Shove, Daniel Blapp, Peleg Aldrich, Edward Foster, and James N. Fry, who are requested to report their attendance at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Summary.

Answer 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except some omissions in several small meetings, which were mostly occasioned by sickness and inclemency of weather; and generally, by the want of part of Friends; the hour pretty well observed; sleeping frequently observed in a few; of other unbecoming behaviour generally clear.

2^d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained, detraction mostly guarded against; and where differences have arisen, endeavours have been used to end them.

3^d Friends are not all so careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel as Truth requires; generally careful in regard to pernicious books, and the corrupt conversation of the world; pretty good examples themselves; and the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

4th Friends are careful, except in a few instances, to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicine; and the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort; moderation observed, relative to the other parts of the query.

5th The circumstances of the poor have been attended to, and their necessities relieved; a few children placed from among Friends under circumstances beyond our control.

6th Parents and heads of families are generally careful as it respects this query; the young and unmarried not all so careful as would be best.

7th We know of no breach of our testimony in respect to this query.

8th Friends are mostly careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts; observe punctuality in their promises and payments of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances; yet there is a deficiency in a few in these respects.

9th Friends are careful to have all their marriages recorded; births, deaths, and burials not so fully attended to; a few removals without certificates, which are under notice.

10th Care taken to deal with offenders, though not always so seasonably as would be best, and to place judgment according to discipline.

Received the following information from Richmond Monthly Meeting in their account.

We hereby inform the Quarterly Meeting, that there have been by individuals ornamented and lettered grave stones procured, and set up in our burying ground near the meeting-house; and those individuals have been laboured with from time to time to remove them, without the desired effect; and this meeting being sensible, that it was contrary to our discipline to have them remain there, did name a Committee to remove them, which was done; Upon which, a suit at law was commenced upon the individual, that removed them; in defence of which, he has expended ninety five dollars and ninety seven cents without any charge for his services; the case having passed through several Courts, all of which, except the first Justice Court, have decided in favour of Friends; which expense, this meeting feeling unable to pay, requests the Quarterly Meeting's assistance.

On consideration of the subject, this meeting concludes to raise the sum of \$95.97 to defray the expenses, incurred by Richmond Monthly Meeting; which the several Monthly Meetings are requested to raise in the following proportions, and forward to our Treasurer, who is directed to pay the same to Obed Harkness, when received, and take his receipt therefor.

Smithfield	\$ 38. ^{cts} 39
Uxbridge -	38.39
Richmond	7.20
Bolton -	12.00

The Committee appointed in the 11th month 1826 to visit Richmond and other Monthly Meetings made the following report.

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends to be held at Northbridge 14th of 5th month 1829.

We of your Committee, appointed to attend Richmond Monthly Meeting, have endeavoured to attend to our appointment, and are of opinion, that Love and Unity are increasing in the minds of most Friends in that meeting; though they appear to be rather in a weak state, and their number small, and those Friends, living at Pelham, very seldom any of them attend their Monthly Meeting. We can inform, that the gravestones, alluded to in the account from Richmond Monthly Meeting, have been again set up in Friends' burying ground since the decision of that case in the law; and that several other pairs were put up while that case was pending. We have conferred with some of the individuals, and they do not seem disposed to remove them. All which we submit to the Quarterly Meeting.

Josiah Shove
Bernard Fowler
Moses Aldrich
Rowland Rathbone
Chad Smith
James N. Fry

The above report was accepted.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in their account proposes that the Monthly Meeting heretofore held at Uxbridge in the 11th month be held in future at Leicester at that time. which, on being considered, is united with.

By accounts from Smithfield and Uxbridge Monthly Meetings, it appears, they have paid their proportion of yearly Meeting stock.

Effingham L. Capron, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Boston Dec 13. 1829 Received accounts from all the
Monthly Meetings except Uxbridge and the represen-
tatives therein named are as follows (viz) Smithfield
Rowland Nathaniel Moses Aldrich & Otis Thayer
Richmond Rufus Randall Levi Randall
Boston Stephen S. Southwick and Calvin Gates who
are all present

The Clerk and Assistant not being
present Thomas Fry is appointed Clerk and Peleg
Aldrich Assistant for this time

The queries have been read with the usual answers
from the Monthly Meetings except Uxbridge.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform that
they attended and present extracts from its minutes and
a report of the Boarding School Committee which were
read and the Clerk is directed to record them and for-
ward them to the several Monthly Meetings.

By said extracts it appears that this meeting's
proportion of Yearly Meeting's stock is one hundred
dollars which the Monthly meetings are requested
to pay to our treasurer as follows

Smithfield \$ 40.00

Uxbridge — 40.00

Richmond — 7.50

Boston — 12.50

Smithfield informs it has paid its proportion of
quarterly meetings stock

Richmond that it has directed paid its proportion
of Yearly and Quarterly Meeting's stock for 1820.

Agreeable to a recommendation of our Discipline
we appoint Edward Foster, Rowland Nathaniel,
Jesse Butler, Peter Humm, Peleg Aldrich,
James N. Fry, Otis Thayer, Thomas Fry, Moses-
Aldrich and Silas Earle to visit such families or
individuals in this quarterly meeting as they may have
reason to suspect are in need of the counsel and assistance
of their friends in the management of their outward
concerns and report to this meeting in one year

The Clerk of this Meeting having requested to be released from the service this meeting thinks proper to grant his request and the representatives present are requested to nominate some suitable person at our next meeting.

Yours Truly Wm for this time

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island from the 14 to the 18. inclusive 1829

The committee on the state of Society, to which were referred minutes of the Yearly Meetings London New York Baltimore Ohio and Indiana received at this time have given attention to the subject and considered it in connection with the resolution in which we stand towards the other Yearly Meetings ^{of America} in this country and propose the adoption of the following Minutes which being read and considered are united with and copies thereof directed to be forwarded to our several quarterly Meetings and Monthly Meetings and also to be transmitted to the several Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

This Meeting having last year been introduced into much exercise, on account of the difficulties which had then been manifested in our religious Society, in various sections of this country and which had prevailed till separation had been the sorrowful result, deemed it an indispensable duty to meet the exigencies of the occasion, by declaring our unity with those meetings that continued steadfast in their adherence to the ancient order, discipline and faith of the Society and our disunity with those who had receded therefrom.

We feel it to be our duty again to advert to this painful subject, and to state to our subordinate Meetings that not only within the limits of ~~the~~ Yearly Meeting of Pennsylvania and New York (to which reference was had in our minute of last year,) but also within those of Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana separate bodies exist, under the name of Yearly Meetings of Friends, with Quarterly Monthly and other Meetings in connection

with them, which are not in fellowship with us as a religious community.

In consequence to the embarrassments and mistakes to which friends are exposed by the Separatists thus continuing to take the name and Character of Friends, the Yearly Meetings of New York, Ohio and Indiana in acknowledged unity with us have been induced to furnish the names of correspondents appointed by them in their several Quarterly Meetings (one or more of whom is to sign in addition to the usual mode of signing) all removal or other certificates or documents, issued, which are to go beyond the limits of their respective Quarterly Meetings. And in order that certificates may duly reach the meetings to which they are directed it is recommended by them, that they be forwarded to one of those friends.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting has directed, that to the names of all the Meetings of every description within the compass of their Yearly Meeting, the following words be added:

"In unity with the ancient Yearly Meetings of Friends, and have appointed Isaac Brooks, James Githingham and Nicholas Popplein residing in the city of Baltimore a Committee, one of whom is to sign in addition to the usual signature of the Clerk, all Minutes or Certificates issued by Monthly or Quarterly Meetings for any of their ministers or members.

The following Minute of the Yearly Meeting of London held in the 5 Mo 1828 accompanied its Epistle to this Meeting: "This Meeting has directed that all certificates of removals, issued by our Monthly Meetings to Friends on the continent of America be forwarded by the Meeting which issues them to their correspondents in London, in order to their being by them transmitted to America and this Meeting suggests to the several Yearly Meetings of Friends in America the propriety of their directing that certificates on behalf of Friends removing to within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, be forwarded to the care of the correspondents in or near London, who are appointed by this Meeting for the respective Yearly Meetings on the American continent.

And it is concluded that all certificates and other documents issued by our subordinate Meetings and addressed to the Meeting of Friends in Great Britain and Ireland be transmitted by the Meetings issuing them to one of the correspondents of this Yearly Meeting (who are Moses Brown, William Amy Abraham Shearman, and Stephen Gould) to be forwarded by them to the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting 1836

A. Shearman, Clerk

Report of the Boarding School Committee

The Boarding School Committee report that in pursuance of their appointment they have paid attention to the superintendence of the Institution for the year past, and believe that its various concerns have been conducted in accordance with the design of Friends in its establishment and Meetings for worship have been regularly kept up.

The school has been conducted during the first year under the care of Erskine and Lydia Breed as Superintendents who still remain in that capacity, and Stephen and Hannah Gould have been usefully engaged as assistants in the cares of the Institution for a few months past. Isacali Jones, Moses Mitchell, Joseph Hoag, Abigail Pierce, Mary Amy Lydia B. Allen and Sarah Fry have been engaged as teachers most of the year. Several of these have left or are about leaving the school, and the Committee have made and are making arrangements to supply their places.

The greatest number of Scholars at any one time as reported to the Committee, was one hundred and eighty four, the average number during the year one hundred and thirty five, and the good conduct and improvement manifested has been generally satisfactory to the Committee.

The Accounts of the Treasurer, ^{of the School fund} and of Superintendents have been received and audited and the state of the fund is such that the Committee think it safe to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that children who are members of this Yearly Meeting continue to be admitted at twelve dollars and a half per quarter; and that the several Monthly

Meetings again have the privilege of sending one child through the year or two six months each free of expense; and that when, from any peculiarity of circumstances, the Committee of Monthly Meetings may consider it desirable to send a child for three months only, they have the liberty of doing it, provided that no more than two children be at the Institution at one time from the same Monthly Meeting in this privilege. And being apprized that the two Monthly Meetings on Nantuxet have been united into one Meeting, the Committee after considering the circumstance, propose that the united Meeting have the same privilege of sending children to the School as has heretofore been enjoyed by the two Monthly Meetings separately.

On behalf of the Committee Moses Brown
Providence 5 Mo 8 1829 Mary Allen

At Smithfield quarterly meeting of friends
held at Northbridge N. H. 12 1829

By accounts received from the several Monthly meetings the representatives are as follows (viz) from Smithfield Shaboa Cook & Moses Aldrich. Moses Turner. Northbridge Richard Howen. James Inman. Salisbury Richmond. Samuel Allen. Ezek Cook. Bolton James N. Fry and Calvin Gates, who are all present.

The representation to last quarterly meeting proposed Thomas Fry for Clerk which being satisfactory to the meeting he is appointed for one year.

Our friends Daniel Howland and Thomas Anthony with copies of minutes from Greenwich Monthly Meeting of the 2^d of the present month expressing that meetings unity with them as ministers are with us at this time and their company and religious labours have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to enter the substance of this in their respective minutes.

Enlargement of Bolton Mt house 472

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monthly ms paid

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Apparatus of study
Reading book
1829

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Statement of
Money & Money's worth

Shore & Mans 27	30 per cent.
Salem	10
Sandwich	38 2/3
Salem	3 1/3
Smithfield	10
Washburne	3
Deer	5
	<u>100</u>

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Statement of 1829

Shore & Mans	30 per cent.
Salem	12 1/2
Sandwich	30
Salem	4 3/4
Smithfield	12 1/2
Washburne	4
Deer	6 1/4
	<u>100</u>

Statement of Smithfield & Washburne

Smithfield & Washburne	40 per cent.
Washburne	40
Smithfield	72
Deer	12 1/2
	<u>100</u>

The queries have been read in our meeting with answers from the several Monthly meetings.

The account from Haverbridge, designed for our last meeting being recd. at this time, we are informed by it that they have appointed Sarah Clapp wife of Daniel Clapp to the station of an elder with which this meeting unites and appoints Amos Aldrich to inform the select quarterly meeting of the appointment.

Smithfield in their account inform that they have paid their proportion of the sum ordered on account of Richmond Monthly meeting - Bolton, that they have paid theirs and also their proportion of quarterly meeting's stock. *Phemuel Fry Clerk*

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield E. Mo. 11. 1830 By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Jos. Chase Moses Sumner and Schabed Cook Jr. Haverbridge Josiah Shore, Daniel Clapp and Silas Earle Richmond Samuel D. Allen and Levi Wheeler Bolton Thomas Fry and Daniel Wheeler who are all present.

The queries have been read and answers from the several Monthly Meetings.

The friend appointed to inform the select quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Sarah Clapp to the station of an elder reports that the meeting has been informed.

Barnard Fowler John Osborne and Thomas Fry are appointed to audit the treasurer's accounts prepare a sum for this meeting's stock and nominate a treasurer at our next meeting.

A desire having been expressed in this Meeting that all our members may be in the daily practice of perusing the Holy Scriptures, it is concluded to recommend to our several Monthly Meetings to appoint Committees to make enquiry whether there are any who are not in possession of them and supply whatever deficiency if any they may find and report to their meeting the result of such enquiry. The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to each monthly meeting.

Richmond Monthly Meeting in their account inform that they have directed their treasurer to pay ours their proportion of the sum ordered on account of that monthly meeting; Bolton that they have paid their proportion of quarterly meetings stock.

The present representatives are requested to nominate at our next meeting some suitable person for Assistant Clerk
Thommas Fry Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge 5th Mo. 13th 1830

By accounts recd. from the several Monthly Meetings the representatives are as follows (viz) from Smithfield Shabed Cook & Moses Hammon, James Payson, John Osborne, Uxbridge Peter Hammon & Amos Aldrich; Richmond Esck Cook, William Bassett; Bolton Jonathan Fry and Joseph Helder who are all present.

The representatives to last quarterly meeting propose for ^{for Assistant Clerk} At above, which being satisfactory he is appointed accordingly.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers which are directed to be forwarded to our next Quaker Meeting by our representatives Jesse Battey, Jonathan Fry, Daniel Clapp, Silas Clark and Moses Hammon.

Where of our Monthly meetings on the subject of the Holy Scriptures as recommended last quarter report as follows (viz) Smithfield that they have found five cases of friends who were destitute and directions were given to supply those friends with the Holy Scriptures.

Richmond that they have made inspection and find that friends are well accommodated with Bibles.

Bolton that they found two instances in which friends are not in possession of a full copy of the Bible in which cases they have provided for their supply.

Next, the following communication from the Meeting for sufferings (viz) At a meeting for sufferings held at Providence by adjournment 16th of 2^o Mo. 1830.

The committee to take into consideration the subject of making provision for the accommodation of the approaching Yearly Meeting report as follows (viz) The Committee on the subject of making provision for the approaching Yearly Meeting, having taken a view thereof, are of opinion that as small expense should be incurred as the nature of the case will admit, they therefore recommend that such friends as are of ability who attend the Yearly Meeting should bear their own expenses, but that those who may not consider themselves able to do so, who reside north of a line running from Boston west to Connecticut River, be at liberty to avail themselves of such provision as may be made by this meeting and herein we include friends of the Island of Nantucket and representatives from all the quarterly meetings, which being considered is accepted and the Clerk is directed to transmit copies thereof with extract from this minute to the Quarterly Meetings of Nantucket Island, Smithfield, and Sandwich. Also to furnish each of our quarterly meetings with a copy of the following minute.

A concern having been revived in this meeting that all the families of friends may be in the possession of the Holy Scriptures it is recommended to our quarterly and monthly Meetings to make the necessary enquiry throughout their respective meetings whether any deficiencies exist in this respect and report to this meeting the result of such enquiries that steps may be taken to supply such families as are deficient if any such may be found.

Extracted from the records of the Meeting aforesaid
Thos Howland Clerk

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts make the following report (viz) We of the Committee to settle the Treasurer's accounts report that we

have examined and settled his account and find a balance in his hands due the quarterly meeting of \$ 57.

But in order for the more full understanding by the meeting of the state of the Treasury, we consider it is proper to state. There is due to the ensuing yearly meeting \$ 100 one proportion of yearly meeting stock.

There is due from Smithfield monthly meeting \$ 40 their proportion of yearly meeting stock, and from Richmond Mo. Meeting \$ 50 their proportion of said stock and \$ 3 their proportion of quarterly meeting stock and from Uxbridge there is due their proportion of the expense incurred by Richmond monthly meeting being \$ 30. 3/4 and also \$ 16 their proportion of quarterly meeting's stock.

The committee recommend the sum of \$ 140 to be raised for quarterly meeting's stock and propose Rowland Rathbun for Treasurer.

Smithfield 5 Mo. 12. 1830

John Osborne
Bernard Fowler

Which report is accepted and Rowland Rathbun is appointed treasurer for one year and the several monthly meeting are requested to forward to our treasurer their proportions of said sum as follows.

Smithfield \$ 16	Richmond \$ 3
Uxbridge - 16	Botton - 3

Smithfield and Uxbridge inform they have directed said their proportion of yearly meeting stock.

A Smithfield quarterly meeting of friends held at Botton 8 Mo 12. 1830 By accounts read for the several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are as follows. From Smithfield Moses Aldrich, Schobad Cook Jr. Job Chase, James Payson. Uxbridge Josiah Shaw Bernard Fowler. Richmond Reuben Randall. Botton Daniel Wheeler Amos Wheeler who are all present except Reuben Randall for whose absence a satisfactory reason was offered.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers from the several monthly meetings.

The representation to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended except Daniel Clapp who offered a satisfactory excuse, they present extracts from ^{the minutes of} said meeting and a report of the Boarding School Committee which were read to our edification and the Clerk is directed to transmit them to the several monthly meetings.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held in the fall 1830

During the consideration of the state of Society represented by the answers to the queries, much pertinent and feeling counsel and advice was sweetly offered. We were impressively reminded, that love to God is the foundation of love to the brethren, and that where this love pervades the mind, there will be no neglect of the important duty of assembling ourselves together for the purpose of worshipping Him, from whom are all our blessings, and who calls for this as a reasonable service at our hands; and that dwelling in this love we should be preserved to witness preservation from that estrangement of feeling towards our brethren, which one finding a place in the human mind, and being there cherished, leads step by step, to the most awful and desolating consequences.

We were at this time, emphatically reminded of the more subtle transformation of the enemy of all good, in his appearance as an angel of light, and faithfully admonished of impending danger to them who should listen to his subtle insinuations; from which, increased watchfulness, humility and dedication could alone preserve us. The subject of plainness of speech and apparel and deportment was feelingly adverted to, as not only consistent with our profession, and right in itself, but as a means of preservation from unprofitable associations leading the mind from the simplicity of the Truth into the spirit and maxims of the world, and the contaminating influences of fashionable life. It was adverted to, as manifesting in youth, not only an evidence of the care on the care on the one hand, of a parent, concerned to promote the best interest of his beloved children, and on the other, of youthful obedience and regard to the feelings of such a parent; but, as manifesting, in many instances, the operation of Divine grace on the heart, leading to its adoption from principle. Parents were fervently entreated not to relax in their exercise of a watchful care, in this and other respects, but to seek for that qualification which

will increasingly enable them to take the children by the hand and in the impressive language of example as well as precept call upon them to follow them as they are. They are endeavoring to follow Christ; that thus they may grow up as tender plants; and that instead of the fathers there may be the sons, rightly qualified to take their places, in a faithful discharge of the important duties that may ere long devolve upon them.

The advantages of an early and a continued acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures, by a frequent and attentive perusal of them, were feelingly dwelt upon. We were also reminded of a faithful maintenance of our testimony in regard to the use of spirituous liquors, particularly at a time when the public mind is becoming so fully convinced on the subject - and of bearing a faithful testimony to our belief in the peaceful nature of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and against the spirit of war. On the latter subject, a feeling appeal was made to our members in the younger walks of life, to evince their gratitude to the favors which are extended to them in an exemption from the burthen of military services by great circumspection in giving no just occasion to any, to call in question the sincerity of their profession, by being present as spectators at military parades, or otherwise; but that in all their conduct, they may show to others that they are indeed conscientiously scrupulous of bearing arms and thus become qualified to advance the cause of peace and truth in the earth. - Which being in unison with the concern of this Meeting the Clerk is directed to forward transcripts of this minute to our several Quarterly Meetings.

Our several Quarterly Meetings are requested in future to acknowledge in their accounts to the Yearly Meeting the receipt and disposition made of minutes and papers transmitted to them by its direction.

It is concluded to raise eight hundred dollars for the service of the ensuing year and the several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions to our Treasurer. Smithfield Quarterly Meetings proportion is one hundred dollars.

The boarding school committee report that they have during the past year, endeavored to promote the objects confided to their care by the yearly meeting in the superintendence of the Institution are thankful in being able to state its various concerns have been conducted in a good degree in accordance with the design of friends in its establishment. Meetings for worship have been regularly kept up, and the family preserved in harmony.

The school is continued under the immediate charge of Sarah and Lydia Breed as superintendents in which they have the assistance of Stephen and Hannah Gould. Benjamin B. Hussey, Moses Mitchell, Joseph Hoag, Deborah Hamdell, Lydia B. Allen and Sarah Fry have been employed as teachers during most of the past year, with the exception of Benjamin B. Hussey whose state of health was such in the autumn as to render it necessary for him to retire from the school.

During his absence Joseph Hoag was employed as an associate teacher. Benjamin B. Hussey is again about to resume his discharge of his former duties, and Moses A. Cartland has been recently engaged as an assistant in the boys department and Phoebe Burges in the girls.

The average number of scholars during the year has been one hundred and twenty seven.

The accounts of the Treasurers of the School fund and of the Superintendent have been received and audited, and the state of the fund continues to be such, as to induce the Committee to propose that children who are members of this Yearly Meeting continue to be admitted at twelve and a half dollars per quarter and that the privilege of sending children free of expense be continued as last year.

The Committee being clearly of opinion that children would receive much greater benefit by being sent to the school for a term of time not less than six months, friends and monthly meetings are therefore advised not to send them for a shorter space of time when it can be conveniently avoided. Friends are also advised not to send boys over the age of fourteen years to the school until they first have obtained the approbation of the school Committee, which meets at Providence the third day after the last fifth day in each month.

On behalf of the Committee

Providence 3 May 1830

Moses Brown
Mary B. Allen

At the Yearly Meeting aforesaid.

The subject of marrying in the kindred by affinity having been brought under the view of this Meeting received its solid and deliberate consideration, and it is concluded that the construction of our yearly meeting as particularly defined in the year 1773 namely, that our members be not allowed to marry a deceased wife's sister or a deceased husband's brother shall hereafter be considered as the construction to be given to our present Discipline.

Copied by direction from the minutes of said meeting
by Abraham Shearman & Clerk

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting inform that they have given attention to the subject of the Holy Scriptures and have found one deficiency in which care has been taken.

Our Committee of D. Mo. last make the following report

We of your Committee appointed in the D. Mo. last year inform that we have endeavoured to attend to the appointment and have given some advice in cases that appeared to require our attention and we think there are cases still in which the care of a committee might be useful.

D. Mo. 1830

Rowland Nathburn

Thomas Fry

Silas Earle

Moses Aldrich

Peter Barnum

Edward Foster

Believing that usefulness may result from the continued care and labours of such a committee we appoint Rowland Nathburn, Moses Aldrich, Peter Barnum, Silas Earle, Bernard Fowler, Thomas Fry, Edward Foster and Walter Allen, for that purpose as expressed in the minutes of last ^{year} and they are requested to report to this meeting in the D. Mo. next year.

Richmond inform they have directed paid their proportion of Yearly and Quarterly Meetings stock for 1829

The several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their proportion of \$100 Yearly Meetings stock as follows

Smithfield \$140 Uxbridge \$40 Richmond \$7.50

Bolton \$12.50

The present representatives are requested to nominate a Clerk
and Assistant at our next meeting

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Thomas Fry, Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at North Bridge
11 Mo 11. 1830 By accounts recd. from the several Monthly Meetings
the representatives are as follows from Smithfield George Reed
Deborah Lock, Eli Kitch. Wabridge, Edward Foster, Daniel
Clapp, Josiah Shove, Richmond Esch Lock, Elijah Harkness
Bolton, Daniel Wheeler and Joseph Holder. All present

The Clerk being absent John Osborne is appointed Clerk
for the day

The Representatives to whom was referred the subject
of proposing Clerk and Assistant propose Thomas Fry for
Clerk and Richard Batley for Assistant which being
satisfactory to the Meeting they are appointed for said service
the ensuing year

Our beloved friend John Wilbur attended this
meeting with a copy of a minute from South Kingston
Monthly Meeting held 25 of 10 Mo 1830. whose company
and religious engagements have been acceptable to us
The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The queries have been read in this meeting with the
answers from the several Monthly Meetings

In conformity to the recommendation of the Meeting
in offerings our respective Monthly Meetings have
made enquiry whether any deficiencies exist among
them of possessing the Holy Scriptures and have
informed that a few cases of deficiencies were found and
have been supplied. The Clerk is directed to give this
information to said meeting

At Smithfield quarterly meeting of friends held at
Smithfield 2 Mo. 10 1831 Read accounts from the several
monthly meetings and the representatives are as follows
from Smithfield Wm. Aldrich, Moses Torrey Smith Batley
Wabridge, Edward Foster Josiah Shove Amos Aldrich
Richmond Moses Allen Daniel Bassett
Bolton Thomas Fry Moses Wheeler for

All present except Daniel Bassett for whose absence
a satisfactory excuse was offered

The queries have been read in this meeting with
answers from the several monthly meetings

The London general epistle has been read at this time to our edification

Smithfield inform they have directed their treasurer to pay out their proportion of quarterly meetings stock

Bernard Fowler, Asa Hilley and Poley Aldrich are appointed to audit the treasurer's accounts, propose a sum for this meetings stock and nominate a treasurer at our next meeting

Thomas Fry clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge 5th 12th 1831 Received from the several Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named as follows (viz) Smithfield Mass. Aldrich, Eli Hilley, John Osborne Northbridge Amos Aldrich Edward Foster Silas Earle Richmond Esel Cook Rufus Randall Bolton Jonathan Fry James V. Fry

All present except Rufus Randall

The queries have been read in this meeting and answers from the several Monthly meetings from which general answers have been compiled and are directed to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting by Moses Furman, James V. Fry, Rowland Rathbun, and Josiah Shaw

One brother friend Rachel Sheraton has been with us at this time with a copy of a minute from Creek Monthly Meeting expressing their being a minister in good esteem her company and labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to give her a copy of this minute

The Committee to audit the treasurers account not having attended to the appointment they are requested to report next quarter

Smithfield inform that they have ^{disposed} paid their proportion of quarterly meetings stock. Northbridge that they have paid their part of the expense on account of Richmond Monthly and Quarterly meetings stock for 1829 and have directed paid their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock. Bolton that they have forwarded theirs of Yearly Meeting stock.

Thomas Fry clerk

- Ans 1 All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except in a few instances generally by the greater part of the members, yet there is an evident neglect of the important duty on the part of some, the being generally observed frequent appearances of sleep in a few of our unbecoming behaviour mostly clear
- Ans 2 Love and unity pretty well maintained by most of our members, yet there is apparently a deficiency in a few Detraction mostly grounded against and where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them
- Ans 3 Friends generally are pretty careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the empty conversation of the world and are mostly exemplary themselves, The Holy Scriptures are frequent read in friends families
- Ans 4 Friends generally careful to avoid the use of spirits and liquors, though we fear that some amongst it do not confine their use wholly to medicinal purposes
- The unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort mostly avoided. Moderation and temperance kept to relative to the subjects queried after
- Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor are duly inspected and their necessities relieved, The circumstances of such as appear likely to be a danger in regard to the education of their children in order to fit them for business have been duly inspected and considerable aid in this respect extended to them a few children placed out who are not under the immediate care of friends
- Ans 6 We believe that parents as also the young and unmarried are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline
- Ans 7 Our testimony in these respects pretty well maintained
- Ans 8 Friends are not all so careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts as would be best, mostly careful to perform their promises and just in the payment of their debts and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.
- Ans 9 Friends are careful to have all their marriages conducted by the death and burials not so fully attended to as is necessary some remove from amongst us without intelligence
- Ans 10 We believe that care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree of that spirit of meekness spoken of after and judgement placed when it appears necessary according to discipline

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Bolton Dec. 11. 1831 Res. received from the several Monthly
Meetings and the representatives therein, named as follows

.. Uxbridge Josiah Shaw Edward Foster

.. Richmond David Randall Daniel Baysett

.. Bolton Henry Powers Edwin Gates

who are all present

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers
from the several Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform that they
attended by whom we have received the following extracts from
the minutes of said meeting.

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on
Rhode Island from the 12th to the 17th inclusive of the 6th Mo. 1831

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was
received and read and being considered was satisfactory to
this Meeting and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof
to the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

The Boarding School Committee report that they
have during the past year, endeavored to promote the objects of
their appointment in a general superintendence of the Institution
and think they may inform that its various concerns have been
conducted in accordance with the intentions of Friends in its
establishment. Meetings for worship have been regularly kept
up and the family preserved in harmony.

The School is continued under the immediate care of Enock and
Lydia Breed as Superintendents, with the assistance of Stephen and
Hannah Gould. Maria A. Cartland, Jeremiah Hooker and Phyllis Lacey
are at present employed in the Boys School and Deborah Knorrstedt,
Sarah Fry and Dorcas Fry in the Girls. Benjamin B. Hays
Lydia B. Allen and Phoebe Burgess have also been employed
during a part of the past year. Arrangements are now made
with Caroline Cartland to occupy the place of an associate teacher
and she is expected to enter upon her duties as such in a few days.

The average number of scholars during the year has been one
hundred and twenty-eight. Their health has been generally good
and their conduct and improvements in their studies have been
satisfactory to the Committee.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School fund and of
the Superintendent have been received and audited and
the state of the fund is such that the Committee think it
safe to propose that children who are members of this

Yearly Meeting continue to be admitted at twelve and a half dollars per quarter and that the privilege of sending children free of expense be continued to Monthly Meetings the same as last year. 26

The subject of extending the branches of education in the school which was referred to the Committee by the last Yearly Meeting claimed their early consideration and they have proceeded in the erection of an addition to the School House suitable for the accommodation of scholars who wish to pursue a more extended course of education. A person to have the charge of these branches of ~~education~~ learning has not yet been procured but the Committee entertain a hope that one suitably qualified may soon be engaged.

It still continues to be the earnest desire of the Committee that Friends who place their children in the school should be careful that they are habited in plain attire, and instructed to conform carefully to the rules and regulations of the Institution. And feel the propriety of again renewing the advice contained in their report of last year that Friends avoid sending boys over fourteen years of age to the school until they have first obtained the approbation of the Committee that meets at Providence on the third day after the last fifth day in each month.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Providence 5. Mo. 6. 1831

Moses Brown
Alice Rathbun

The Meeting is informed that Rufus Barnard's nonattendance at last quarter was by reason of ill health.

Our beloved friends Mary Elisby and Rachel Gardner with copies of minutes from Nantucket Monthly Meeting have attended this meeting: Their company and religious labours are acceptable to us.

Our Committee of last year made the following report

Your Committee appointed last year to confer and advise with such of our members as they might think needed the assistance of their friends in the management of their outward concerns have given such attention to the subject of their appointment as circumstances within their knowledge have appeared to require

Boston 8 Mo 11. 1831

Walter Allen
Bernard Fowler
Moses Horick
Silas Lisle
Edmund Foster
Rowland Rathbun
Thomas Bryn

} Committee

which is satisfactory to the meeting and the same Committee with the addition of Jesse Butley are appointed for a like service and requested to report to this meeting in the 8th Mo. next year

By extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is \$100 which the several Monthly meetings are requested to pay to our treasurer as follows

Smithfield	\$ 40
Uxbridge	-- 40
Richmond	-- 7.50
Bolton	-- 12.50

The committee to audit the treasurer's accounts report as follows - Agreeably to appointment we have settled the treasurer's accounts and find a balance in his hands of \$34.49 We propose raising \$20 to defray the expenses of the year ensuing and Rowland Rathbun for Treasurer

Barnard Fowler
Asa Kelley
Pelig Storick

which being accepted Rowland Rathbun is appointed treasurer for one year and the Monthly Meetings are requested to pay their proportion of \$20 as follows

Smithfield	\$ 8
Uxbridge	-- 8
Richmond	1.50
Bolton	-- 2.50

Bolton Monthly Meeting inform that they have paid their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock

The present representatives are requested to nominate a clerk and assistant at our next meeting

Thomas Fry Clerk

A Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge Mo. 10th 1831

Read accounts from the several Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named are as follows
Smithfield Otis Bartlett, Otis Thayer, Job Chase
Uxbridge Edward Foster, Barnard Fowler
Richmond Rufus Runcell, Levi Randall
Bolton Daniel Osgood, Josiah Badcock
who are all present

The Clerk being absent John Osborne is appointed for the day
The queries have been read in this meeting with answers
from the several Monthly Meetings

The representatives to last quarterly meeting propose the
names of Thomas Fay for Clerk and Richard Battley for
assistant Clerk, which meeting the approbation of the meeting
they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year

Recd. the Epistle of the Yearly Meeting of London for
the present year which was read to our edification

Smithfield Monthly Meeting inform that their treasurer
has paid ours their proportion of quarterly meeting stock

Richmond Monthly Meeting inform they have paid
their proportion of yearly meeting stock entered in 1830

Bolton Monthly Meeting inform they have directed their
treasurer to pay ours their proportion of Yearly & Quarterly
meeting stock

Our Warrons meeting presented the following certificate
to Kentucket monthly meeting which being united with
our Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting

Our esteemed friend Mary Clisby with a minute
from your meeting attended our last quarterly meeting
also attended some meetings within the limits thereof
and visited a considerable part of the families which
constitute this quarter, in all of which her company
and religious services have been truly acceptable to us

The company of our esteemed friend Rachel
Gardner companion to Mary Clisby was also accep-
table to us

A Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield 2^d Mo. 9. 1832 Recd. Accounts from all
our Monthly Meetings except Richmond and the
representations are as follows (viz) Smithfield Moses
Aldrich Smith Battley William Aldrich
Uxbridge Jonathan M. Shaw Amos Aldrich
Bolton James V. Fay & Daniel Wheeler who
are all present

The Clerk being absent John Osborne is
appointed Clerk for the day

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings except Richmond

Uxbridge monthly meeting inform that their treasurer has paid ours their proportion of quarterly meeting stock for 1830 & 1831

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge 5 Mo 10. 1832

By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings the representatives are as follows

Smithfield Schabed Cook Jr. John Osborne Thomas Grover
Uxbridge Bernard Fowler Effingham L. Capron
Richmond Daniel Bassett Levi Wheeler
Botton Joseph Holder & James N. Fry who are present except Levi Wheeler

The queries have been read in this meeting and answers prepared which are directed to be forward to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives Chad Smith Bernard Fowler Thomas Grover and James N. Fry who are requested to report their attendance next quarter

Uxbridge in their account inform that Perfect Preparative meeting requests to be set off to Providence Monthly Meeting. Upon which are appoint John Osborne Rev. Amos A. Putnam, Moses Aldrich Thomas Fry and Walter Allen to take the subject into consideration and report at our next meeting. And the Clerk is directed to send the substance of this minute to Providence Monthly Meeting in order that they may confer with our committee on the subject if they think proper.

Smithfield and Uxbridge inform they have directed their treasurers to pay ours their proportions of Yearly Meeting stock

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Bolton C. H. G. 1832.

By accounts recd. from the several
Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are
for Smithfield, Moses Eldrich, Shadrach Store, Stephen
Shearman, For Wabridge Silas Earle, Effingham L. Capron
Richmond Reuben Randall, Levi Randall
Bolton Calvin Gates Henry Powers, who are
present except Calvin Gates for whom absence
a satisfactory reason was offered.

Our beloved friend Joseph Bowne attended
this meeting with a certificate from Brethrens
Monthly Meeting and Lanesburg Quarterly
Meeting State of New York expressive of his being a
minister in unity. His company and gospel labors
have been acceptable and edifying to us. The
Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of
this minute.

The queries have been read in this meeting
with answers from the several Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform that
they all attended and present the following extract
from the minutes of said ^{meeting} which the Clerk is directed
to forward to the Monthly Meetings.

To our several Quarterly Monthly and
Preparative Meetings

Dear friends,

The receding of the answers to the queries
received from our several ~~Quarterly~~ Meetings has
introduced our minds into a deep felt exercise
in beholding the many and various departures
from our profession, therein brought to view.

And in particular we have lamented the sorrow-
ful want of faithfulness in the attendance of
our religious meetings. When we consider the
duty of assembling ourselves together for public
worship to Almighty God, in the light of a public
acknowledgement of our belief in him, and in the
plain revelation of his will through his dear Son,

our Lord what vital importance does the performance of the
duty assume. In a feeling of gospel love, and of our responsi-
bility to him who hath called us to be a people, and in
some measure as we humbly trust, qualified us through
his mercy to labour for his cause. Let us revive for the serious
and solemn consideration of our brethren in religious
profession, that awakening language of our blessed Lord
when in that prepared body: Also I say unto you
whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall
the son of man confess before the angels of God:

but he that denieth me before men shall be denied
before the angels of God: We are confirmed in the
belief, that as the love of the things of time and the
fleeting enjoyments of the things of the world, shall
be lessened among us, as the love of God shall
take its place in our hearts, we shall be more con-
cerned faithfully to perform this important duty, and
in regularly assembling with our brethren for public
worship; and reverently waiting before him, we
shall graciously experience our strength in him to be
renewed, whereby we shall be enabled to withstand
the assaults of ~~the~~ temptation, and our souls be
sustained with his life giving presence. Let us then
we tenderly exhort you, be more and more alive
to the great importance of this solemn and interesting
duty. And as the love of God increases and abounds
among us, love one unto another will also prevail.

Bound together by the sacred ties of Gospel fellowship,
our brethren will become exceedingly near to our
best feelings, and that heavenly charity which
suffereth long and is kind, will become more
and more uncovering. And O that friends every
where were duly impressed with the necessity of preserving
the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace and
avoiding doubtful disputations, and seeking not to
be wise above that which is written, humbly to
believe in the all important truths of the ever
blessed gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ. That God so loved the world that

he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish but have everlasting life, that he came into
the world as testified in the ^{holy} Scriptures, that he went about
doing good, and manifesting his Divine power for the good
of men, that he died for our sins the just for the unjust
that he might bring us unto God; that he rose again
for our justification, and ever liveth to make intercession
for us, that he is God over all blessed forever.

These all important truths as we ^{truly} seek to be
established therein, will indeed cement us together
and enable us through faith, to bear unitedly our
testimony to the mercy and goodness of our heavenly
Father. Thus will true unity and religious fellowship
be experienced. And being thus established, how excee-
dingly precious will those testimonies which we are called
upon to bear become in our view. For being inmeasure-
ably redeemed from the love of the world, we shall be
concerned to seek the adorning of a meek and quiet
spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price, rather
than the vain ornaments of the world, and be preserv-
ed in the simplicity which becometh the gospel of Christ.

The giving away to the temptation so abundantly offered
by the press in the present day to what may be appropriated
by termed light reading we have been induced to believe
has had its influence in producing, in many instances a
deviation from the simplicity of our profession not only
in faith but practice, indisposing the mind for serious reflection
giving it a disadvice for the pursuit of more solid and ~~serious~~
useful works, and secretly but gradually, undermining
that firm reliance upon superior aid which can alone
sustain the mind in the hour of trial and temptation
and rightly bear it up amidst the many vicissitudes of
time.

The practice of a daily reading of the Holy
Scriptures, with our hearts turned unto Him, who can
alone rightly open them to our understanding, and
apply them effectually to the heart, has been feelingly
brought before us. And as we reverently believe that
these invaluable writings, according to their own
testimony, are able to make us wise unto salvation

through faith that is in Jesus Christ, how exceedingly important that we neglect not this precious means which in the mercy of God has been vouchsafed to us for our reproof correction and instruction in righteousness

And we are confirmed in the belief, that as parents and heads of families are concerned daily to call around them the objects of their care, and with prayerful heart, for the Divine blessing upon their endeavours, to read to them a portion of the sacred volume, allowing a space for silent intercession of soul to God, a great blessing will be experienced. The truths revealed in the Scriptures will become increasingly interesting and precious in our view, and in that of our children and dependents, and the ever blessed cause of truth and righteousness be furthered and promoted. We therefore recommend and tenderly exhort friends to this practice, and greatly desire their encouragement therein

And we fervently desire that all in profession with us, may be renewed stirred up to more faithfulness and watchfulness in the cause of Christ remembering that the time is short, and that we are enjoined to work while the day lasts, for the night cometh wherein no man can work

Signed on behalf of said meeting
Abraham Shearman Jr Clerk

This quarterly Meetings proportion of Yearly Meeting
Stock is one hundred & twelve dollars 50 cents, which the
Monthly Meetings are requested to forward as follows

Smithfield \$ 145.00

Richmond 50.44

Uxbridge 45.00

Bolton 14.06

Smithfield Monthly Meeting inform that they have with the concurrence of their women's meeting appointed John Osborne to the place of an Elder which claiming the deliberate attention of the meeting is united with, having the concurrence of the women's meeting. Silas Carle is appointed to inform the said Quarterly Meeting of the appointment

The Committee of last quarter in case of an application from Perfect Preparative ^{meeting} to be set off to Providence Monthly Meeting make the following report which was acceptable to the meeting

We your Committee appointed to take into consideration the proposition of Perfect Preparative Meeting to be set off to Providence Monthly Meeting. Report that we have attentively considered the case, but have not been able to see any way in its present state, for the Quarterly Meeting to proceed usefully any further in it. That it appears to the committee more properly to belong to the two Monthly Meetings of Uxbridge and Providence to agree respecting the joining of the friends of Perfect Preparative meeting to Providence Monthly Meeting, and that when those two meetings have mutually and satisfactorily agreed upon the arrangement they can report the same to their respective Quarters for approval, which we submit to the meetings disposal

Smithfield Oct 4. 1832

Walter Allen
John Osborne
Moses Aldrich
Rowland Rathbun
Thomas Fay } Committee

Our Committee continued last year to advise with such individuals as they may think are in need of assistance in the management of their outward affairs make the following report (viz)

Your committee continued last year to give such advice to individuals, who they may think are in need of counsel in the management of their outward affairs as to them might appear proper have given some attention to the subject and have always felt open and willing to be consulted in confidence by any members who might feel disposed to ask their advice

Oct 9 1832

Jesse Battery
Bernard Fowler
Moses Aldrich
Silas Earle
Rowland Rathbun
Edward Foster
Thomas Fay

And believing that usefulness may be derived from the continued care of such a committee, we appoint Moses Aldrich, Rowland Kuthburn, Edward Foster, Silas Earle, Bernard Fowler, Thomas Fay and Jesse Butty who are requested to give their attention to the subject in conformity to the recommendation of our discipline.

Effingham L. Lapsen, Moses Aldrich and Chas. Smith are appointed to audit the treasurers accounts propose a sum for this meetings stock and nominate a treasurer at our next meeting.

Richmond Monthly Meeting inform they have paid their proportion of yearly and quarterly meeting stock for 1831.

The present representatives are requested to nominate a Clerk & Assistant at our next meeting.

Thomas Fay, Clerk

At Smiths Place Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge
the 8th Mo 8th 1832.

In accounts received from the several monthly Meetings the Representatives are as follows.

Smiths Place Asa Kelly James Layson & Daniel Inman
Northbridge Silas Earle & Royal Southwick
Richmond David Randall & Esck Cooke
Rollon Henry Lowes & Daniel Wheeler.

who are all present except David Randall, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Representatives to last Quarter propose John Aborn for clerk and Richard Battey for assistant which being agreeable to the meeting they are appointed accordingly for one year.

Our Esteemed friends Benjamin Buffinton, Rowland Greene & Thomas Anthony attended this meeting with copies of minutes from their respective monthly meetings - in which their company & religious engagements have been acceptable to us. The clerk is desired to furnish them with copies of this minute.

Our friend William Remolds attended this meeting as companion to our friend Thomas Anthony, whose company I had been acceptable to us — The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Quires have been read in this meeting & answers from all our Monthly Meetings.

The committee to audit the Treasurers account made the following report (to wit) To Smithfield Qu. Meeting — According to appointment we have examined & settled the Treasurer's account and found a balance in his hands of \$40.24 and there are demands not yet called for — We propose the raising of \$20 to supply the Treasury for the year ensuing — And propose Rowland Rathbun for Treasurer.

11^{mo}. 24th 1832

Moses Aldrich
Chad Smith
Effingham L. Capron

which is accepted and Rowland Rathbun appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year & the sum of \$20 as mentioned therein is concluded to be raised for the service of the ensuing year and our several Monthly Meetings desired to forward the same to our Treasurer in the following proportions —

Smithfield	\$8
Uxbridge	8
Richmond	1.50
Bolton	2.50.

John Osborne Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 2^{mo}. 11th 1833

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives are as follows. —

Smithfield, Asa Kelly, Sebalon Cooke & Moses Aldrich
Uxbridge, Dolly Aldrich & Josiah Shaw
Richmond, Daniel Basset & David Randall
Bolton, David G. Holder & Asa Wheeler
all present except David Randall

The Quires have been read in this meeting and answers from all our Monthly Meetings.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting informs this meeting that they have paid our Treasurers their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock. Bolton that they have directed their Treasurer to pay ours their proportion of Yearly & Quarterly Meeting Stock.

John Osborne Clerk

W. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Northbridge
9th of 5th mo. 1833

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings being received
the Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield Moses Farnum Philip Walden Rowland Rathbun and
William Marsh
Uxbridge Amasa Southwick & Effingham L. Capron
Richmond Debg. Taft & Moses Allen
Bolton James N. Fry & Daniel Wheeler
all present except Philip Walden & Moses Allen

Our beloved friends Jonathan Backhouse & Hannah Chapman
Backhouse attended this meeting with certificates from their
Monthly & Quarterly Meetings & from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders of London, expressing of unity with their ministry
and present religious engagements. Their company & gospel
labours have been acceptable to us.

Eliza P. Kiebbick attended this meeting as companion
to our friend Hannah C. Backhouse with a copy of a minute
from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting for the Western district
whose company has been acceptable to us.

The queries have been made in this meeting & answers
there to from all our Monthly Meetings from which a summary
has been prepared to represent our present state which we
forward to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives Rowland
Rathbun, Royal Southwick Thomas Fry & Josiah Shove
who are desired to report their attendance to our next Yearly meeting.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the Yearly Meetings Treas.^r our
proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Wing attended this meeting with
copy of a minute from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting. Her
company & religious engagements have been acceptable to us.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting inform they have directed their Treas.^r
to pay ours their proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock.

Weybridge that they have deviated their Treasurer to pay over
their proportion of Yearly & Quarterly meeting stock - 279

We are informed that Richmond W. meeting has paid
their proportion of Yearly & Quarterly meeting stock -

Summary of the answers to the Queries

- Ans. 1 All our meetings for Religious worship & Discipline have been attended, except one, yet there is a manifest neglect in attending to this solemn duty in a number of our members - The house neatly observed - a few friends frequently give way to sleep - of other unbefitting behaviour mostly absent. Love and Unity maintained by most of our members - Detraction generally guarded against - When differences have arisen endeavours have been used to end them -
2. There is a care amongst most Friends to endeavour to bring up their children in plainness - And to restrain them from reading romances, Books, & from the corrupt conversation of the world - And we believe in general pretty good examples herein themselves - The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends families -
3. Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors (excepting in a few instances in which care has been attended) the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns & places of public resort generally avoided - We believe Moderation & Temperance are kept to on the occasions to which the Query alludes -
4. The circumstances of the poor are inspected, their necessities relieved, and they assisted in business when required, and care taken in the Education of their children - None placed out from among friends except a few whose parents are not members of our Society -
5. There is a care amongst us to conform to the requisitions of Discipline in respect to marriage -
6. Our Testimony is pretty well maintained as it respects this query except one instance of an individual attending military training which is under notice -
7. We believe there is a care amongst us to inspect our affairs and settle our accounts, and to be punctual to our promises & just in the payment of our debts, and pretty careful to live within the bounds of our circumstances -
8. Marriage Certificates have all been recorded, the recording of Births, deaths & Burials not fully attended to - Several cases of removal without Certificates -
9. Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as quakers, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline -

John Osborne, Clerk

At Springfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Bolton 8th 8th 1833.

By accounts rec. from the several Monthly Meetings
the Representatives therein named are
For Springfield Walter Allen, Schatoolook & Asa Kelly
Uxbridge Paul Aldrich Jr. & Silas Earle
Richmond Levi Randall & Reuben Randall
Bolton Jonathan Fay & David G. Holder
who are all present. —

The clerk being absent Thomas Fay is appointed clerk for the day.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers
from the several Monthly Meetings. —

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform that
they all attended, by whom we have received the following
extracts from the Minutes of that Meeting, which the clerk
is requested to forward to the Monthly Meetings —

Our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is \$112.50 of
which the several M^o. Meetings are requested to forward their respec-
-tive proportions as follows.

Springfield	\$ 45	Richmond	\$ 8.44
Uxbridge	" 45	Bolton	14.06

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England 6th month 1833. —

A concern for the more quiet & religious education of the
children of Friends, and for the establishment of Libraries of Friends
Books, in the several Monthly Meetings, having been reviewed in this
Meeting, and claimed its consideration, a lively interest was felt
in regard to these subjects. —

The attention of Friends was earnestly directed to the concern
of establishing, in the several Monthly Meetings, one or more Libraries
of the Standard works of our Society, that Friends may at all
times have access thereto, to the end that the consistency, truth &
harmony of our Christian principles being known, the minds of
Friends may become more & more established in them, and the unity
of faith & doctrine which it so much becomes us to inculcate
may more & more abound. —

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The provisions of our Discipline with respect to education and Schools for the children of Friends, was recommended to be revived in our subordinate meetings, and put in practice, wherever Friends circumstances will allow —

It was recommended, that all certificates of Removal, issued by our Monthly Meetings, be signed by the Clerks of both the Men's and Women's Meeting. — And that this conclusion be entered in our Books of Discipline."

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting,
H. W. Pharrman W. Clerk

Our com^s of last year to advise with friends in the management of their outward affairs make the following report.

"We of your committee of last year to advise with friends who might stand in need of counsel in the management of their outward affairs, have given such attention to the subject as has appeared to us necessary —

8^{mo}. 8th 1833 —

Moses Aldrich
Silas Earle
Rowland Rathbun
Thomas Fry. "

which is accepted and the friends heretofore under appointment for that service are continued with the exception of Asa Botteg deceased, and the addition of Walter Allen & Shadrach Steen and requested to report in the 8^{mo}. next year. —

The subject brought before this meeting by the recommendation of our Yearly Meeting of establishing Social Libraries of the standard works of our Society in our Monthly and Preparative Meetings having claimed the particular attention of the meeting resulted in the conclusion to request our several Monthly Meetings to give their attention to the subject and report their progress to this meeting in the 5^{mo}. next. —

Our Women's Meeting presented a minute on behalf of our friend Elizabeth Wing who attended our last Quarterly Meeting which was united with and signed by the clerks

Anola Aldrich Asa Kitley & Benjamin Wheeler are appointed to audit the Treasurers account, propose a sum for this meetings stock and nominate a Treasurer at our next meeting. —

John Osborne Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Northbridge 11th month 14th 1833

By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings
the Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield: Moses Aldrich, Moses Farnum & Smith Batty
Northbridge: Richard Batty & David Southwick
Richmond: Levi Wheeler, & Rufus Randall
Bolton: Daniel Esgood & Moses Wheeler
who are all present.

Our Esteemed friend John Meader attended this meeting
with a copy of a minute from Benwick Monthly
Meeting - His company and religious engagements have
been acceptable to us. - The clerk is directed to furnish
him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read in this meeting &
the required answers thereto from all our Monthly meetings.

The auditors of accounts present the following
Report - to wit - We your committee to settle the Treas-
account &c have attended to our appointment & find a balance
in this hands due the meeting of \$29, 95 - and there is
one out not yet presented - We propose the raising of \$20
for Quarterly Meeting Stock - And Rowland Rathbun for
Treasurer - 11th 10th 1833 -

Amos Aldrich }
Asa Tilly }
Benj^r Wheeler }

Which is accepted and the sum of twenty Dollars agreed
to be raised and the several Monthly Meetings are directed
to forward the same to our Treasurer in the usual propor-
- tion - And Rowland Rathbun is appointed Treasurer
for the Year ensuing.

The representatives are requested to nominate a clerk
and assistant at our next meeting

John Osborne Clerk

A. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield 13th of 2nd mo. 1834

Of accounts received from the several Monthly meetings
the Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield Samuel Smith, Zachus Southwick, Shadrach Stone
Uxbridge Edward Foster, Lant Wing
Richmond Elijah Hackney Jr.
Bolton Jonathan Fry, Daniel Osgood
who on being called were all present.

The Representatives to our last Quarter, to whom
the subject was referred, propose John Osborne for
clerk and Richard Batty for assistant clerk which
being united with they are appointed to said service
for the ensuing year.

The Quires have been read in this meeting
and the required answers thereto from all our
Monthly Meetings.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in their account
inform they have directed their Treasurer to pay
ours their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Moct.

John Osborne Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Northbridge 8th of 5th month. 1834

Accounts from our several Monthly meetings being
received the Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield Seth Kelly, Moses Farnum & Philip Walden
Northbridge Josiah Thove & Elias Carter
Richmond Moses Allen & Austin Randall
Boston James A. Fay & Roswell Bliss
all present except Austin Randall

Our esteemed friend Grace Lawrence attended this
meeting with a copy of a minute from Dartmouth Monthly
Meeting held 27th of 2nd mo. 1833 - His company & religious
engagements have been acceptable to us - The clerk is directed
to give him a copy of this minute.

The Quines were read in this meeting & answers
therefrom from all our Monthly Meetings from which a
Summary has been prepared to represent our present State
which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our Representa-
tives Thomas Fay, Moses Farnum, Schabod Cooke
& James A. Fay - who are desired to attend to their ap-
pointment & Report to next Quarterly Meeting

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the Yearly
Meetings Treasurer our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock

Smithfield & Northbridge Monthly Meetings agreeable
to the requisitions of the minute of this meeting in the 8th
month last inform they have united with the Recommenda-
tion to establish Libraries of the Standard works of our
Society and that they are in progress of accomplishment
we are also informed by a member of Boston monthly
meeting that in accordance therewith they have established
a Library in their meeting

Our esteemed friend Anna Macomber attended this ²²⁵ meeting with a copy of a minute from Westport Monthly Meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us.

Our friend Eunice Gifford acceptably attended this meeting as companion to our friend Anna Macomber with a copy of a minute from Westport Monthly Meeting.

Smithfield & Bolton Monthly Meetings inform they have directed their Treasurers to pay ours their respective proportions of Yearly & Quarterly Meeting Stock.

Uxbridge that they have paid their proportion of Yearly and Quarterly Meeting Stock.

Summary of the Answers to the Queries

Answer 1. All our meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been attended those on first days by the most of Friends - Mid-Week meetings not so fully attended. There have generally observed - Sleep is apparent in some not much other unbecoming behaviour in our meetings.

Ans. 2. Love and Unity generally maintained amongst friends. Detraction pretty well guarded against - When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

Ans. 3. Friends are not sufficiently careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech and apparel - Moderately careful to restrain them from reading pernicious books & from the corrupt conversation of the World - pretty good examples herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans. 4. Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, and the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns & places of public resort. Moderation & temperance observed on account of births, marriages, burials & other occasions.

Ans. 5. The circumstances of the poor and such as appear likely to need assistance have been attended to, and such assistance - and offered as appeared necessary, - more placed from

among friends except a few whose parents & guardians are not members of our Society.

Ans. 6 Friends are generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to Disc.

Ans. 7. Our Testimony pretty well maintained in respect to the several parts of this Query, except one case of attending a Military training in which care has been taken.

Ans. 8. Friends are not all so careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts as would be best - generally punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9. Records are pretty well attended to, some cases of removals without certificates, some care taken.

Ans. 10. A pretty good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders, and to place judgment according to Discipline.

John Osborne clerk

At Southfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton
14th of 8^{mo}. 1834

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings being read the Representatives therein named are
For Southfield Amos Aldrich. Smith Batty & Tho Grover
Worcester Effingham L. Capron & Edward Earle
Richmond Rufus Randall & William Bassett.
Bolton Calvin Gates & Henry Powers.
all present except Tho Grover who sent a satisfactory reason for his absence.

The queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers from all our Monthly meetings.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting attended except Tho. Fry who was prevented by sickness in his family.

They produced extracts from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting which were read in this meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward them to the several Monthly Meetings —

Our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is \$137.50 which the Monthly Meetings are requested to pay to our Treasurer in the following proportions — viz:

Smithfield	\$55.
Unbridge	55
Kukmore	10.31
Boston	17.19

At our Yearly Meeting held Oct. 1834 —

The subject of the ^{instruction} general literary & religious education of the children and Youth of the Society, having again been feelingly adverted to, claimed the solid consideration of the Meeting; and the importance of being possessed of a more intimate knowledge of the present state of Education among Friends, in the various Sections of this Yearly Meeting, being generally felt, a Committee was appointed to unite with a com. of the Womens meeting, in considering the Subject, & to Report thereon at a future sitting.

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee introduced the following minutes of advice to subordinate meetings: which being deliberately considered were adopted, the Womens meeting uniting therein, and the Clerk was directed to forward a sufficient number of copies thereof to our several Quarterly Meetings, for the supply of each Monthly & Preparative Meeting, within their respective limits; and also the necessary forms for the returns proposed to be made to this meeting from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Attest Shearman & M

The interesting concerns of Education having recently claimed the weighty deliberation of the Yearly Meeting, it is the earnest desire of the body thus assembled, that Friends may endeavour, whenever it is practicable, to establish select Schools within their Preparative or Monthly meetings (to be taught by exemplary members of our Society) in which the children of Friends may be exempt from the dangers arising from improper associations, and moral & religious principles, in conformity to our Christian profession, be daily inculcated; the Scriptures of the Old & New Testament be daily read; and such improved methods of instruction be adopted, as will best promote their advancement in useful learning. These Schools should be visited monthly or oftener by Committees of men & women Friends appointed —

appointed by the Meeting, before whom the children should be exercised in the several branches taught in the School. And in those places where it appears to be impracticable to establish Preparative or Monthly Meeting Schools it is desired that Friends may endeavor to institute family Schools, in which the Children of one or more families may daily assemble for literary instruction, by some Teacher qualified to impart. And friends are every where desired to exercise a becoming liberality in providing teachers & means of instruction in all their Schools.

To keep alive a concern of such vital importance to our Social & Religious welfare and that the Yearly Meeting may be furnished with correct information relative thereto Preparative Meetings are desired to transmit to their respective monthly meetings, a statement of the number of Children within their limits, agreeably to the Subjoined Query, and insert their answers in the several columns of the form accompanying which returns are to be forwarded by the Monthly Meeting to the Quarterly Meetings; and a condensed statement of the facts thus collected, to be prepared by the Clerks of the Quarterly Meetings, or by a committee appointed for that purpose, & forwarded with their next annual accounts to this meeting. Queries to be answered by the Preparative Meetings.

- 1st. What number of children are there in your meeting, of an age suitable for instruction at School, say from four to twenty one years of age? Distinguishing between male and female & also distinguishing between those under the age of 14 & those over that age.
- 2nd. What number of Children have been actually at School within the Year. Distinguishing between male & female and also between those under 14 & those over that age.
- 3rd. What number of Schools have been kept under the care of friends in your Meeting during the past Year? Distinguishing between Preparative Meeting Monthly Meeting & Family Schools.
- 4th. What has been the average duration of the Schools under the care of Friends within the Year.

- 5th. What number of Teachers have been employed in these Schools within the Year. Distinguishing between male and female Teachers.
- 6th. What number of children are there in your meeting who have attended District or mixed Schools; Distinguishing between male & female & also between those under the age of 14 & those over that age.
- 7th. Is there any reason that the Books used in the Schools under the care of friends in the several departments taught in the Schools, are judiciously Selected.

The committee appointed last year to advise with Friends in relation to their outward affairs made the following Report viz: We your comt. appointed to confer with such of our members as may seem to need the counsel of their friends in the management of their outward affairs Report that we have from time to time given such attention to the subject as has seemed to us proper.

Boston 8th mo 14 1834

Moses Aldrich
Silas Earle
Rowland Rathbun
Thomas Fry

which is accepted and Senabod Cook, Rowland Rathbun, Moses Aldrich, Silas Earle, James N. Fry, Josiah Shove, Squire Hodges, Benjamin Wheeler & Guy S. Newton are appointed to that service and are requested to render such advice & assistance as may appear to them proper and Report in the 8th month next year.

Effingham L. Capron, Richard Battey & Amos H. Aldrich are appointed a committee to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum for this meeting to raise, nominate a Treasurer & Report to our next Quarterly meeting.

John Osborne Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Northbridge 13th of 11th mo. 1834
Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings
being received the Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield Asa Kelly, Moses Aldrich & Shadrach Stearn
Northbridge Ed. Foster, Dan. Clap & Effingham L. Capron
Richmond Rufus Randall & Levi Wheeler
Bolton Daniel Wheeler & Walter Fay.
all present.

The Querys have been read in this meeting & the
required answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings

The com^t. appointed at our last Quarterly meeting
to settle the Treasurers account, made the following
Report (to wit) We, your com^t. appointed to settle the
Treasurers account, have attended to our appointment
and find a balance due from him of \$18.56 - We
propose the sum of \$20 for the meeting to raise the
ensuing Year - and Rowland Rathbun for Treasurer
On behalf of the com^t.
Effingham L. Capron

Which being read is accepted and the sum of \$20
as therein proposed is concluded to be raised for the
service of the meeting the ensuing Year - And our
respective Monthly Meetings are desired to forward
the same to our Treasurer in the following proportion.

Smithfield	\$ 8.00
Northbridge	8.00
Richmond	1.50
Bolton	2.50

And Rowland Rathbun is appointed Treasurer for
the ensuing Year.

The present Representatives are desired to nominate
a Clerk & assistant clerk at our next Quarterly Meeting

Our Women's meeting having prepared a minute respecting
the attendance of our friend Anna Macomber at our
Quarterly Meeting in the 5th mo. last & some meetings within
the Quarter, and which being united with, the Clerk
is desired to sign the same on behalf of this meeting.
John Osborne Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield
12th of 2nd mo. 1835.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings being read.
The Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield Walter Allen, Jacobus Southwick & Edw. Cranston
Uxbridge Paul Aldrich & Edward Foster,
Richmond Daniel Bassett & Esck Cook,
Bolton James V. Fry & Roswell Bliss
all present except Esck Cook.

The Quieres have been read in this meeting and the required
answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives to our last Quarter, (to whom that
Subject was referred) propose John Osborne for Clerk and
Richard Batty for Assistant Clerk, which being united
with they are appointed to said service for the ensuing
Year.

This meeting received from the Meeting for Sufferings
a number of printed copies of the General Epistle of the
Yearly Meeting of London, one of which was read to our
edification and comfort.

John Osborne Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Thomas Child at
Northbridge 14th of 5th Mo. 1835

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings being received
the Representatives therein named are,
For Smithfield Walter Allen, Otis Thayer & Rowland Natherton
Uxbridge Amasa Southwick, Edward Foster & Royal Southwick
Richmond Simon Brewer & Esch Cook
Bolton Stephen S. Southwick & Henry Powers
who are all present.

The queries have been read in this meeting & answers thereto
from all our Monthly Meetings from which general answers
have been compiled which we forward to the Yearly Meeting
as descriptive of our present state by our Representatives
Moses Farnum, Jonathan Dennis Jr., Moses Aldrich
Thomas Fry & John Milton Earle, who are desired to
attend to their appointment & Report to our next Quarterly
Meeting.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the Yearly Meeting
Treasurer our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock.

Returns have been made, in answers to the queries
from our last Yearly Meeting respecting schools, from all
our Monthly Meetings, a Condensed Statement, of the facts
thus reported, is directed to be prepared by the Clerk, & forwarded
to the Yearly Meeting.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting inform they have given direction
to their Treasurer to pay ours their proportion of Yearly
& Quarterly Meeting Stock — Uxbridge that they have paid
their proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock — Bolton that
they have directed their Treasurer to pay ours their proportion
of Yearly Meeting Stock.

Summary of the answers to the Queries.

- Ans.^o 1. All our meetings for Religious Worship & Discipline have been attended, generally by the greatest part of our members: Yet there is a deficiency, in a few, in the performance of this important duty, especially in regard to mid-week meetings. The hour spently well observed. A few friends frequently give way to sleep of other unbecoming behaviour. Spently clear.
- Ans.^o 2. Love & Unity are in a good degree maintained among us, yet there is a deficiency in some; Division mostly guarded against. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.
- Ans.^o 3. A good degree of care is taken by most friends to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel. To restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the World. Friends are mostly exemplary themselves in these respects. The Holy Scriptures frequently read in friends families.
- Ans.^o 4. Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine; and the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns & places of public resort. And to keep in true moderation and temperance, on account of births, marriages, burials, & on other occasions.
- Ans.^o 5. The circumstances of the poor duly inspected, and their necessities relieved. A few instances of children, whose parents are not members placed from among friends, in our monthly Meeting.
- Ans.^o 6. Parents and heads of families are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to Discipline. The young and unmarried are not all so careful as would be best.
- Ans.^o 7. Our testimony faithfully maintained relative to the several parts of this Query.
- Ans.^o 8. Friends are mostly careful to settle their accounts & generally ~~except~~ punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debt; and endeavour to live within the bounds of their circumstances.
- Ans.^o 9. Marriages all recorded; Births, deaths & burials not so fully attended to. A few cases of removals without certificates, which are under notice.
- Ans.^o 10. There is a good degree of care to deal with offenders though not in all cases without some delay: Judgment is placed where it appears necessary according to Discipline.

John Osborne Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton
13th of 8^{mo}. 1835.

Accounts from our several monthly meetings being received
the Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield Schabod Cook, Moses Furness & Smith Batley
Uxbridge Bernard Fowler, Edward Foster & John M. Earle
Richmond Elisha Bassett & Ruben Randall
Bolton Stephen S. Southwick & John Timmens
who are all present except Ruben Randall.

The clerk being absent Thomas Fry is appointed for this time
Our Esteemed friend Mead Alwate with a Certificate from
Rochester Monthly Meeting & Farmington Quarterly Meeting attended
this meeting his company & religious labours have been
satisfactory to us.

Also our friend Richard Snell companion to our friend
Mead Alwate with a Certificate from Hartland Monthly
Meeting has been acceptably with us.

Our Esteemed friend Guldah Hoag with a Certificate
from Fenisburgh Monthly ^{& Quarterly} Meeting being present with
us at this time, her company & religious labours have
been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of their
respective minutes.

The queries have been read and the usual answers
from the several monthly meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they
all attended, and produced extracts from the minutes of
that meeting, also an Epistle of advice to the Quarterly
and monthly meetings. — all which have been read
and directed to be forwarded to the several monthly meetings.

The com. appointed by this meeting in the 8th mo.
last Year made the following report which is accepted
Edward Foster, Josiah Shove, Benjamin White Rowland

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Rathbun, Thomas Fry, Ichabod Cook & James N. Fry
are appointed for that service the ensuing year and are requested
to render such advice and assistance as they may from time
to time think proper and report to this meeting in the 8th or
next year. — "To Smethfield Quarterly Meeting of friends. —

As of your committee appointed to confer and advise with
such of our members as may seem to need the counsel of their
friends in the management of their outward affairs, Report that
we have from time to time given such attention to the subject
as has seemed to us proper. —

Potton 8th Mo. 12. 1835

Joseph Thore
Rowland Rathbun
Ichabod Cook Jr.
James N. Fry
Cyrus Whittles.

Potton Monthly Meeting inform they have directed their
proportion of Quarterly meeting stock to be paid to our
Treasurer. —

By the extracts rec^d. from the Yearly Meeting it appears
that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is \$187.50
which the Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to our
Treasurer in the following proportions. —

Smethfield Mo. Meeting	\$75
Uxbridge "	75
Richmond "	14. 06 ¹ / ₄
Potton "	23, 43 ³ / ₄

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in
Rhode Island from the 14th to the 19th inclusive 6th Mo. 1835

Having, in this our annual assembly, been enabled to dep^t
together in feeling, in a good measure, of that unity of Spirit which
is the bond of peace, our dear absent brethren have been brought
affectionately to remembrance, with desires that they may be made
partakers with us in some of the exercises that have prevailed
on our minds. —

In reviewing the state of Society as brought before us by the
answers to the queries, Friends were impressively reminded of
the obligation that rests upon every well concerned member
of the body, others as well as ourselves, to labour after a right

qualification of mind to enable them to admonish a Brother who may be overtaken in a fault in the Spirit of restoring love. "Go tell him his fault between thee & him alone," is an injunction of the highest authority. And were this duty of Seasonable private admonition, thus attended to, in many of our Churches we have no doubt that it would be blessed to the reclaiming of many in the early stages of deviation; and that an increase of strength & peace, an advancement in the pathway of holiness, would be witnessed by those who were engaged in these labours of love; and that they would thus become blessed both to the giver & the receiver.

While on the other hand those who indulge themselves in unnecessarily making the faults of others a subject of conversation or communication by letter, and in spreading them abroad by those means, or who indulge an unwarrantable curiosity in listening to such conversation or letter, cannot but sustain a double loss themselves, in addition to the great injury that they inflict upon the immediate objects of this detaching spirit, upon which a blessing can never rest, nor the dew of Heaven descend.

The great neglect still apparent in the attendance of our religious meetings particularly on the middle of the week, has been deeply affecting to our feelings, and we have greatly desired that our members may be stirred up to a sense of this important duty. May we be impressed with the obligation of attending all our meetings, as well on week days as on the day which is set apart for that service by the common consent of the Christian world. If we are in the habitual neglect of mid week meetings, altho we may punctually assemble with our friends on fast-days, when the law of the land forbids our attention to our secular concerns, does not our conduct plainly evince that we prefer our worldly interests to those things which affect our eternal welfare. As we neglect our duty in this particular, we shall invariably witness a consequent diminish in relation to other religious duties, until we become as decayed & withered branches, which, not abiding in the true Vine, become barren & unfruitful. Let us then not forsake the assembling of ourselves together but may we be consumed reverently to present our bodies, a living sacrifice holy and acceptable unto God which is but our reasonable service. And as we are concerned on these solemn occasions to wait upon him from whom alone all our spiritual strength

is desired, we shall be preserved from being overcome with drowsiness
a weakness which in some instances has been fallen into, to the re-
proach of the high profession which we are making in relation to
the spirituality of divine worship. —

It is truly painful to observe that at the present time, when the public
mind is becoming more & more awakened to the alarming evil of intem-
perance, and whilst others are engaged in persevering efforts for its
removal, any who profess with us should be so unmerciful of our
well known testimony as regards this subject, and of the moral
influence which a stout adherence thereto on the part of individuals
members would enable our Society to exert in the world, as to indulge
themselves in the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicinal
purposes. — May there be an increasing care faithfully to maintain
this branch of our Christian testimony, and we believe as they come
to be the case we shall find that the necessity of resorting to the use
of this pernicious article, even as a medicine will be of extremely
rare occurrence.

The violation of our testimony in relation to War, instances
of which are acknowledged in the reports of several of our Supts
of our meetings, has been a subject of deep concern at this time.
When we consider the lenity which has been manifested towards our
Society by the several State governments within the limits of this Yearly
Meeting, we are led to the conclusion that the observance of military
regulations by any of our members must have been voluntary. An
ignorance of the principles on which our Society is this centristic
practice are founded, or a want of serious consideration thereof is
clearly evinced; and desires have been expressed in this meeting, that
there may be a renewed attention to the circulation & perusal among
the younger part of our Society of such tracts as exhibit in a
striking manner the unreasonableness of war, and its utter incom-
patibility with the principles of the Gospel & peace. We are
impressed with the belief, that as we are faithful in the disch-
arge of our religious duties, our Society may be made im-
mensely instrumental under the divine blessing, in hastening the
coming of that day when "nation shall not lift up sword against
nation, neither shall they learn war any more." —

And we earnestly desire that friends may be impressed with the
importance of maintaining a vigilant supervision over the dear
youth under their care, and endeavoring to guard them against
every thing which may give a wrong direction to their susceptible
minds, carefully restraining them from attending Military pa-
rades or Spectacles, & guarding them from the pernicious influence of those
Books wherein Military fame is held up to view as a worthy object of
pursuit.

The continued and aggravated wrongs of the oppressed & degraded
coloured people in our country, has been a subject to which our mind,
have been turned, with renewed concern that we might feel the
weight & importance of our testimony on this subject. We desire
that friends may become duly sensible that we have ever acted
in relation to it from religious considerations and in accordance
with the principles of the Gospel of Christ. — May friends
so continue to dwell under the influence of divine wisdom
and so attend to the promptings of Truth, that we may be
preserved in such a consistent walking, as will best promote
this great cause of Christian benevolence; and be careful
that in all our movements we may act together in unity
and love. Signed on behalf & by direction of the Meeting
of said Abraham Shearman & Co.

At Smiths Falls Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Northbridge 12th of 11 month 1835.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings being received
the Representative therein named are;
T. Smiths Falls Walter Allen, Philip Walden & William Aldrich
Northbridge Silas Cook & Royal Southwick
Richmond Rufus Randall & Aaron Randall
Belton Jonathan Fry & Stephen S. Southwick
who are all present. —

The Quinquagesima has been read in this meeting and the
usual answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings.

A number of copies of the digest of the returns from the
several Quarterly Meetings to our last Yearly Meeting on the
subject of education were received and read, and the clerk
is directed to forward them to our several Monthly Meetings.

Edward Crockett, Jonathan N. Shaw & Ichabod
Cook be appointed a committee to settle the Treas-
= urer's accounts, consider what sum it will be necessary
for the meeting to raise for the ensuing Year, propose a
sum for Treasurer — and Report to our next
Quarterly Meeting.

The present Representatives are desired to nominate a clerk & assistant clerk at our next Quarterly meeting.

John Horne Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield.
11th of 2^d mo. 1836.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings being received the Representatives thereon, name are —
Smithfield, Ash Hill, Farkens, Southwick & Smith, Batty
Walsbridge, Royal, Southwick, John, Mutton, Earle & Effingham L. Capron
Richmond, Esch, Cook & Daniel, Bassett.
Bolton, Jesse, Wheeler & James N. Fry.
all present except Daniel Bassett.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly meeting, (to whom that service was refused) propose John Horne for clerk & Farkens Batty for assistant clerk which being united with they are appointed to said service for the ensuing Year.

Our esteemed friends John Wilbur & Rowland Green attended this meeting with copies of minutes from their respective Monthly Meetings — their company and religious engagements have been acceptable to us.

The Quinquages have been read in this meeting and the usual answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings.

The com^{rs} to settle the Treas^r account made the following Report viz: To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends 11th of 2^d mo. 1836
According to appointment we have examined and settled the Treasurers account and find a balance of \$1.67 due him, the bills of the expenses of the two last Quarters have not been presented for settlement & Richmond Monthly Meeting has not paid their proportion of Yearly & Quarterly

Mutiny Stock amounting to \$11.81 - We propose
the sum of \$30 to be raised for Quarterly mutiny stock
for the ensuing Year - and propose Dutie B. Aldrich
for Treasurer. -

Isaac Cook Jr }
Jonathan W. Shove }
Edward C. Cranston }

which is accepted and the sum of \$30 as therein mentioned
is concluded to be raised for the service of the Quarterly
Meeting and the respective Monthly Meetings desired to
forward the same to our Treasurer in the following
proportions,

Smithfield Monthly Meeting	\$12
Weybridge	12
Richmond	2.25
Bolton	3.75

and Dutie B. Aldrich is appointed Treasurer
of this meeting for the ensuing Year. -

John Osborne Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Weybridge 12th of 5^m 1836. -

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings being received
the Representatives therein named are

Smithfield Eli Thayer Dutie B. Aldrich, Isaac Cook Jr & Thomas Groves
Weybridge Edward Foster, David Southwick & Edward Earle
Richmond Elisha Bassett & William Hackniff
Bolton Stephen S. Southwick & Moses Whelan
all present except David Southwick & Wm. Hackniff

Our friend Joseph Gifford attended this meeting as companion to
our friends Anna Macomber & Mary Earle with a copy of a
minute from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting - his company
has been acceptable to us. -

The queries have been read in this meeting and the answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings from which general answers were prepared, what as being descriptive of our present state, we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives Richard Battey, Walter Allen, Moses Aldrich & Thomas Fry, who are desired to attend to their appointment and report to next Quarterly Meeting.

Our Treasurer is desired to pay the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock.

The two Queries from our last Yearly Meeting respecting Schools have been answered by all our Monthly Meetings the result of which is desired to be forwarded to our Yearly Meeting.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in their account inform that they have, with the concurrence of their Womens meeting appointed Edward Foster to the station of an Elder which after being solidly considered in this meeting is united with having also the concurrence of our Womens Meeting; Royal Southwick is appointed to inform the select ^{Quarterly} meeting thereof.

Our esteemed friend Mary Lord attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from New Bedford Monthly meeting - her company and religious engagements have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Anna Macomber attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Westport Monthly meeting her company & religious engagements have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friends John Wilbur & Rowland Greene who attended our last Quarterly Meeting have since attended nearly all the meetings within our limits; their company & gospel labours have been acceptable. - The clerk is desired to furnish them with copies of this minute.

Truistful & Uxbridge Monthly Meetings in their account inform they have given direction to their Treasurers to pay ours their proportions of Yearly & Quarterly Meeting stock.

Boston that they have given direction to pay their proportion of Yearly Meeting stock.

Summary of the measures to the Quire

- Ans. 1. All our meetings for Religious Worship & Discipline have been attended except one, occasioned by inclemency of weather, and generally by the greatest part of our members - Yet there is a deficiency in the attendance thereof in a few - The house pretty well observed - A few friends give way to sleep - of other unbecoming behaviour pretty clear.
- Ans. 2. Love & Unity in a good degree maintained by most friendly attention mostly guarded against - When differences have arisen endeavours have been used to end them.
- Ans. 3. There is a care amongst us to bring up those under our direction in plainness, though we think there is a deficiency in some. Care taken to restrain them from reading pernicious Books, and from corrupt conversation. Pretty good examples themselves - The Holy Scriptures frequently read in our families.
- Ans. 4. Friends are mostly careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine - The unnecessary frequenting of Taverns & places of public resort - and to keep in moderation & temperance on account of births marriages, burials & on other occasions.
- Ans. 5. Attention has been paid to the circumstances of the poor and such as appeared likely to need assistance and the children of such have been provided with the means of obtaining learning to fit them for business - A few children placed out from among friends -

Ans. 6 Parents & heads of families are careful to observe this query - The young and unmarried not all so careful as would be best. —

Ans. 7. Our Testimony maintained as it respects the several parts of this query. —

Ans. 8. Friends in general are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts - and pretty punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts - & endeavour to live within the bounds of their circumstances. —

Ans. 9. Marriages are all recorded - births, deaths & Burials not so fully attended to - A few friends removed from, & come amongst us without certificates, some care taken in respect to them. —

Ans. 10. A good degree of care is taken to deal with officers as queried and to place judgment when it appears necessary, in the authority of Christ according to our Discipline. —

John W. Clark

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton 11th of 8th mo. 1836. —

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings being received the Representatives therein named are —

Smithfield Walter Allen, James Brownell & Ichabod Cooke
Hobbridge Silas Earle & Edward Foster.

Richmond Levi Wheeler & Ruben Randall.

Bolton John Kimmerel & Jesse Whelan. —

who are present except James Brownell E. Foster & Levi Whelan. —

The Clerk being absent Thomas Fry is appointed for this time. —

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform that they attended and presented extracts from the minutes of that Meeting which have been read and directed to be forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings. —

Of the extracts receive from the Quarterly Meeting it appears that our Proportion of Stock is \$87.50 which the monthly meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer in the following proportions

Smithfield	\$35
Uxbridge	35
Richmond	6.56 1/4
Dollar	10.93 3/4

The Queries have been read with answers from the Several Monthly Meetings

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in their account make the following Proposition (to wit) We have concluded to propose to the Quarterly Meeting a change in holding our Monthly Meetings so that in future it may be held as follows at Uxbridge in the 3^d 6th 9th & 12th months at Northbridge in the 1st 2^d 4th 7th & 10th months; and at Leicester in the 5th 8th & 11th months. Which claiming the attention of this meeting is united with and that Monthly Meeting is at liberty to hold their meetings in future according to the new arrangement.

The committee appointed by this meeting in the 8th mo^o last year make the following Report viz. To the Quarterly Meeting

We of the Com^t appointed last year to advise with friends who might seem to need council in the management of their outward affairs, Report that they have given some attention to the subject - And have to regret that there are causes of neglect of a timely attention to a careful investigation of our condition and circumstances.

8th mo^o 11. 1836

Isiah Shove
Rowland Rathbun
Thomas Fry
James N. Fry

Which is accepted and Isiah Shove, Amos Aldrich, Silas Eade, Walter Allen, Seth Killy, Thomas Fry, David Southwick, James N. Fry, S. J. Southwick & Thomas Grover are appointed for a like service the ensuing year, and are requested to give such assistance by their advice & counsel as to them may appear proper.

Richmond Monthly Meeting informs that they have paid
all apportionments of stock which have been received by
them.

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held in Rhode
Island Decr 1836.

This meeting having become painfully aware
that there are in circulation among our members various
publications, purporting to be treatises upon, and expositions
of the principles of our Religious Society, in various points
of doctrine; and which are unauthorised by the Society, &
which give unsound and unjust views of our Christian prin-
ciples, and are calculated to lead the minds of the un-
wary away from the faith once delivered to the saints,
and from a settlement in the blessed truths of the Gospel
always most surely believed and professed by us as a people,
have felt themselves bound again to declare their unshaken
faith in the truths thus brought to be laid waste.

We have always believed, we have been un-
wavering in our acknowledgments and professions of the
truths declared in the Holy Scriptures, respecting the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, that He was
conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, lived
and suffered in the world, went about doing good, in-
fluenced by his precepts and doctrines, the future rewards
of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked, and
by miracles, healing all manner of diseases & sicknesses
among the people, he shewed forth his power, his goodness
and his wonderful works among the children of men, and
finally made an offering of himself on the cross, as a
propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for
the sins of the whole world." We are prepared
to confess that no other foundation can any man lay
than that is laid which is Jesus Christ; or in the words
of George Fox to the governor of Barbadoes, "This

"This Jesus, who was the foundation of the apostles & prophets,
is our foundation; and we believe there is no other foundation to
be laid, but that which is laid even Christ Jesus; who tasted
death for every man, shed his blood for all men, and is the
propitiation for our sins." We have also been constant in
the possession of our belief of the authenticity and Divine
authority of the Holy Scriptures of the Old & New Testament,
and in accordance with the Testimony of Robert Barclay, do
freely confess, "that whatsoever doctrine is contrary unto
this testimony, may therefore be justly rejected as false".
And further in the words of the same writer, "We do
firmly believe that there is no other gospel or doctrine to
be preached, but that which was delivered to the apostles, and
do freely subscribe to that saying, Let him that preacheth
any other gospel than that which hath been already preached
by the apostles, and according to the Scripture be anathema".

But while we have thus hitherto and constantly professed, we
have also been steadfast in our belief, according to the
Scripture, that this blessed Saviour appears in our hearts
by his Spirit, according to his own testimony before he ascended
to the glory which he had with the Father before the world
was: "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come unto
you". John XIV. 18. And to the testimony of the apostle:
"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness,
hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2. Cor. IV. 6."
And we have ever been concerned, to direct all to the light of
Christ in the secret of the soul as that principle of Divine
life by which alone regeneration and sanctification are to be with-
-effected; by which alone our dark hearts can be illuminated
and we be made truly alive to God. That which we have
redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of our sins
and that those who were afar off are made nigh by the
blood of Christ, we also firmly believe, that it is only
through living faith in him that we can come to

experience the blessed effects of what we have wrought out for us; and this faith is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God.

We are concerned anew, to bear our Testimony to the Spirituality of the Christian Religion, that as the Heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, in our fallen & unregenerate state, so it is in the Heart that the work of grace must be experienced; and that in order thereto, we must submit to the cleansing operations of his Spirit thus, become subject to his righteous ~~judgment~~ government, and conformed to his Holy Will. Then indeed is he made unto us "Wisdom and righteousness and Sanctification and redemption." 1 Cor. i. 30. It is only as we thus dwell under the influence of the Holy Spirit in our minds, that we can experience any right qualification to labour in the blessed Master's cause; and may we all seek after, and wait for the fresh puttings forth of this heavenly Guide, we bring in mind the declaration of Christ, "Without me ye can do nothing."

We are concerned to exhort all our Members to seek a Settlement in these everlasting Truths, and avoiding all Speculation, rather humbly pray for ability and meekness and Simplicity to obey God's Holy Will. Avoid therefore, we beseech you, all unprofitable reading, and the reception of those unsound doctrines and Sentiments which are now in circulation. Rather reverently read and meditate in the Holy Scriptures, with humble prayer to the Lord that he would open your hearts to receive and savingly apply the glorious truths of his gospel; so shall you be made partakers of his Salvation.

Beloved Brethren & Sisters, we have no new doctrines to offer, but we feel earnestly engaged to exhort all our fellow Members to a careful observance of that solemn warning of our Lord and Saviour: "The time shall come when they shall say, Lo, here is Christ, or lo, he is there; go not after them."

Signed on behalf & by direction of the Yearly Meeting
By Abraham Thorman M.
Hannah Gould W. Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge
10th of 11th mo. 1836.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings being received
the Representatives therein named are for

Smithfield Edw. C. Cranston, Otho Thayer & Shadrach Stear
Northbridge John M. Earle David Southwick & Daniel Clapp
Richmond Levi Wheeler & Elijah Hacknutt
Bolton James M. Fry & Daniel Wheeler
all present except Elijah Hacknutt

The queries have been read with answers from the
several Monthly Meetings.

A number of printed copies of an address by our Meeting
for Sufferings to the members of our Society & others was
presented to this meeting - They are directed to be sent down
to our Monthly Meetings for distribution agreeably to
the intention of said Meeting for Sufferings.

Smithfield Select Quarterly Meeting propose, in order
for their more convenient attendance of their meeting in the
8th month, that the time of holding it be changed from
the 11th hour to the 5th hour in the afternoon of the
same day - Which is so far united with by this meeting
as to conclude to lay it before our next Yearly Meeting
for their consideration.

Rowland Packburn, Thomas Fry & Jonathan M.
Shore are appointed a committee to settle the Treasurers
account, consider what sum it will be necessary to raise
for the ensuing Year - propose a friend for Treasurer
and Report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The present representatives are desired to nominate a
Clerk and assistant clerk at our next Quarterly Meeting.

John Osborne Clerk

At Smithfield. Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield
9th of the 2^d mo. 1837.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings being
received the Representatives therein named are for
Smithfield. Amos. Hark. Ichabod Cook Jr. & Smith Batty
Wethbridge John. Mitten Earle, Deleg. Hark & Edward Foster
Richmond Esch Cook & Stephen Ballou
Boston David Burdcock & James I. Fry.
who, being called were all present except Stephen Ballou.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly meeting, to whom
that service was refused, propose John Osborne for clerk
and John Mitten Earle for assistant clerk, which being
united with, they are appointed to said service for the
ensuing Year.

One esteemed friend John. Mader attended this meet-
ing with a Certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting
held 24th of 11th mo. 1836 - His company & religious en-
gagements have been acceptable to us.

The queries have been read with answers from
our several Monthly Meetings.

This meeting received from our Meeting for Sufferings
a number of printed copies of the London Yearly Meeting's
general Epistle & also their Epistle of Council & advice
They are directed to be sent down to our several Monthly
Meetings - One of each was read in this meeting.

One esteemed friend Elizabeth Mader attended this
Meeting with a Certificate from Berwick Monthly
Meeting held 24th of 11th mo. 1836 - An company & religious
engagements have been acceptable to us.

The committee to settle the Treasurer's account made
the following report: viz: "We your com. to examine & settle
the Treasurer's account have attended to the same and find a
balance in his hands of Three Dollars & thirty one cents

due the Meeting & there are several accounts against the
Meeting that have not been presented to the Treasurer - We
purpose to raise the sum of Forty Dollars - and Order
B. Aldrich for Treasurer. - On behalf of the com.
1mo. 29. 1837 Rowland Baltham

Which is accepted and the sum of 40 Dollars is concluded
to be raised for the service of the Quarterly Meeting the ensuing
Year. and the several Monthly Meetings are desired
to forward the same to our Treasurer in the following
proportions -

Smithfield	\$ 16	3
Uxbridge	16	3
Richmond	3	3
Bolton	5	3

And Dea B. Aldrich is appointed Treasurer
for the ensuing Year. John Osborne Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of June, held at Northbridge
11th of 5th Mo. 1837.

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings except Richmond
being received the Representatives therein named are
Smithfield Thomas Gorer, Dea B. Aldrich & Ephraim Cook Jr
Uxbridge John Milton Earle Jonathan W. Thorne & David Southwick
Bolton Moses Wheeler & Thomas Fay
all present.

(33) The queries have been read in this meeting and answers
made from all our Monthly Meetings except Richmond
from which annual answers were prepared which we did
forwarded at our next Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives
John Milton Earle, Thomas Fay, Dea B. Aldrich, Arnold
& Aldrich 2. & Thomas Gorer - who are desired to attend to
their appointment & Report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Resolved Our Treasurer is desired to pay the
Quarterly Meeting's Treasurer our proportion of Quarterly
meeting stock.

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Amherst Monthly Meeting in their account inform that, with the concurrence of their Womans meeting, they have appointed Catharine Constock to the Station of an Elder. Which on being solidly considered is united with, having the concurrence of our Womans meeting — John Thorne is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof and Report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The answers to the Two Queries on education are directed to be sent to the Quarterly Meeting.

Amherst Monthly Meeting informs they have since their Quarterly Meeting Stock and given direction to their Treasurer to pay over their proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock. — Uxbridge that they have directed their Treas. to pay over their proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock. — Bolton that they have given direction to pay both Yearly & Quarterly Meeting Stock. —

Considering the small number of friends composing Richmond Monthly Meeting, and their remote situation, and a sympathy for them being felt, it is the sense of this meeting that usefulness would result, from the appointment of a committee to visit them as ways may open therefor, and render them such counsel and assistance, as they may be enabled in best wisdom to afford — The following friends are appointed to said service & to Report when ready. — Josiah Shove, Daniel Clegg, Thomas Fry, Edward Foster, Otis Thayer, James A. Fry, Moses Farnum & Paul Aldrich —

Our esteemed friends John & Elizabeth Meader, who attended our last Quarterly Meeting have since attended a number of meetings within our limits, in which their company and religious engagements have been acceptable. The Clerk is directed to furnish Pawtucket Mo. meeting with a copy of this minute. — John Thorne

Summary of the answers to the Queries

- Ans.¹ 1. All our meetings for religious Worship and Discipline have been attended, those on first days by most friends, midweek meetings not so fully attended. The hour pretty well observed - a few friends frequently overtaken with sleep - not much other unbecoming behaviour observed.
2. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained by most friends - Detraction is generally guarded against - No differences have come to our knowledge.
3. Friends generally endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation - Most friends are pretty good examples themselves - The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.
- 4th We believe the use of spirituous liquors to be confined to medicinal purposes excepting in a very few cases in which some care has been taken - Taverns and places of public resort are mostly avoided. Moderation and temperance are generally observed in those cases to which the Query refers.
- 5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to. Two children have been placed out from among friends by a person not under our control.
- 6th Friends are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to Discipline.
- 7th We know of no breach of this Query excepting one case of attending a military training which is under notice.

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8th Friends are generally pretty careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts - generally punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts - and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Marriages are all recorded, births, deaths, and burials not all - a few cases of removals without certificates, most of which are under notice.

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in some good degree as guided - and to place judgment according to Discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton 8th mo 10th 1837.

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received the representatives therein named are for

Smithfield, Dittie R. Aldrich, James Payson, & Schabod Cook for
Uxbridge, John Milton Earle, Paul Aldrich, & Edward Foster.

Richmond, Levi Wheeler & Elijah Harkness.

Bolton Joseph Alder & Daniel Csgood, who are all present.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended, and presented the annexed extracts from the minutes of that meeting which were read, and copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to the several Monthly meetings.

The following minute from the Yearly Meetings minutes having been read, the Select Quarterly Meetings will in future be held in conformity therewith, and the clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with a copy of this minute.

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From an extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meetings stock is One hundred and fifty dollars, which the several

Monthly Meetings are directed to forward to our Treasurer with an account thereof to this meeting, in the following proportions, viz Smithfield \$60, Uxbridge \$60, Richmond \$11.25. Bolton \$18.75.

The following report from a committee appointed in the same last year was received, viz:
The committee appointed last year to give their assistance and counsel to such of our members as might seem to need the help of their friends in the management of their outward affairs, have given some attention to subjects claiming their care, and we are of opinion that there may be cases, which may properly claim the such a committee in future. Bolton 8th 10. 1837.

On behalf of Committee Thomas Fry -
which being read was accepted, and the same friends who composed the committee for the year past were continued for that service, for the year ensuing, and requested to report in the 8th next year.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting informs that it has paid our Treasurer its proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock.

* Yearly Meeting - 6th Month 1837

The proposal of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting for an alteration in the time of holding their Select Quarters when it occurs in the eighth Month at Bolton, from the 11th hour to the 5th hour in the afternoon of the same day, in which it is now held was united with - and they allowed to hold it as proposed after the present year. - From the minutes of said meeting
Wm Shearman Jr. Clerk.

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England 6th Month 1837

This meeting having been brought under exercise for the preservation & right advancement of the Christian testimonies, which distinguish us, to a great extent at least, from the various other bodies of professing Christians - a concern has prevailed, that in all our movements to promote the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth, whether it be the amelioration of

the condition of our fellow beings who are suffering under oppression, & the moral and religious improvement of our brethren of the human family generally, - a recurrence may be had, by all our members, to the ground of religious concern, and to the guidance of that Wisdom which is just - pure, then reasonable, gentle and easy to be entreated, - and which is profitable to direct us in the path of safety. And under this exercise, an earnest solicitude has been felt, - that we may do nothing to compromise the testimony to the spiritual nature of Divine worship, borne by our early Friends, when called upon to leave the various religious denominations with which they had been associated, and again to revive among the nations in which they were scattered, a testimony to the operative influence of the Spirit of Truth upon the mind & man, to imply some witness to in the Holy Scriptures, as essentially necessary to the performance of every religious act, and for our guidance in every good word and work. And while we desire that all maintain a spirit and temper which will prevent us from condemning, or in any way attempting to impede the well meant endeavours of others to promote any of the objects of Christian benevolence, or of moral reform that occupy the attention of the public mind, in the present day; we have believed that the preservation of the precious testimonies to which we have alluded, and our influence, as a religious Society, in promoting the important objects, alike desirable to every benevolent mind, very much depend upon a close adherence to our peculiar principles.

Under these considerations, we have believed, that to open our meeting-houses to Lectures, whose opinions and principles, on many subjects, that we consider of primary importance, are widely different from ours, and which we apprehend are frequently brought into view in such lectures, will have a tendency, to draw off the minds of our members, from an establishment in the truth of those principles which have ever been maintained by us, and from a practical exemplification of them in our conduct. It is therefore our advice and judgment, that all such applications for the use of our meeting-houses, may be discontinued by Friends.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting Abraham Peckham, Jr. Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of friends held at North-
-bridge 9th of 11th mo 1837

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received
the Representatives therein named are

For Smithfield, Nathan C. Aldrich, Buffum Chase & Arnold Melvin
Uxbridge. David Clapp, Edward Foster & Edw^d Earl
Richmond. Rufus Randall & Levi Wheeler.
Bolton Jonathan Fry & Blaney Palmer.
who are all present &

Our esteemed friend James Jones attended this meeting
with a certificate from China Monthly Meeting dated 17th
of 10th mo 1837 - His company and religious engagements
have been acceptable to us

Our friend Nathaniel Austin attended this meeting as compan-
-ion to our friend James Jones with a copy of a minute
from China M^c Meeting, his company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this min-
-ute

The queries were read in this meeting and answers thereto
from all our M^c Meetings.

This meeting received from our meeting for sufferings
300 copies of the London general Epistle of this year; they are
directed to be sent down to our M^c Meetings for distribution -
One has been read at this time to our Edification.

The present Representatives are desired to nominate
friends for clerk & assistant clerk at our next Quarterly Meeting

John Osborn clerk

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At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Smithfield Dec. 8th 1838

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received
the Representatives therein named are

For Smithfield, Lechus Southwick Suffern Chase & William Horick
Wedge, Paul Aldrich & Edward Earle
Richmond, Daniel Sapett.
Pelton James V. Fry & Moses Wheeler
all present

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting, to
whom that Service was assigned, propose John Osborne
for clerk & John Milton Earle for assistant clerk which
nomination being united with, they are appointed to
said service for the ensuing year

The Quires were read in this meeting & answers
thereto from all our Monthly Meetings

Waldo Earle, Richard Batty & E. Hingham
L. Capron are appointed a committee to settle the Treas-
ury accounts, consider of a sum necessary to be raised for
the service of the meeting and propose a Treasurer &
Report to our next Quarterly Meeting

John Osborne clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held
at Northbridge 5th 10th 1838

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received
the Representatives therein named are—

For Smithfield. Nathan C. Aldrich, Shadrach Stan.
Asa Kelly & John Osborne

Northbridge. John Milton Earle, Eliz. Aldrich & Samuel Clapp
Richmond. Esck. Cook & Ruben Randall

Follow. Thomas Fry & Moses Wheeler
all present

The queries have been read & answers thereto from all our
Monthly Meetings from which general answers were compiled
which we direct forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting by
our Representatives. Asa Kelly, Thomas Fry, John Milton Earle
and Edward Foster, who are desired to attend to their ap-
pointments & Report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The committee to settle the Treasurer's accounts & other
purposes made the following Report— which is accepted and
the sum of \$40 concluded to be raised & the several monthly
meetings desired to send the accounts in their usual propor-
tions to our Treasurer and an account thereof to this meeting
Dexter B. Aldrich is appointed Treas^r for the ensuing year.

" The committee to settle the Treasurer's account. Report, that
we have examined and settled his accounts, and find a
balance in his hands due the meeting of Fifteen dollars
& seventy six cents— That we would propose the sum of
\$40 to be raised for the service of the Quarterly Meeting
for the ensuing year— And Dexter B. Aldrich for Treasurer.

Smithfield Dec^r 21st 1838 On behalf of the committee
Waldo Earle

The clerk informed this meeting that he has received from
our meeting for Sufferings several Hundred copies of an
Epistle by them prepared for circulation among our members

and had sent them to our several Meetings for distribution -
One of which was read in this meeting to our satisfaction.

Smithfield, Me. meeting inform they have given direction to
their Treasurer to pay ours their proportion of Yearly & Quarterly
meeting's stock.

Tellon that they paid our Treas. their proportion of Yearly &
Quarterly Meeting Stock.

Our Treas. is directed to pay the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer
our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock.

John Osborne Clerk

Summary of the answers to the queries

Ans. 1. All our meetings for religious Worship & Discipline have been
attended, and generally by the greatest part of our members, yet
there is a deficiency in some in this important duty, more par-
ticularly in regard to mid-week meetings - The hour pretty
well observed except in a few instances - Some appearance
of sleep - or other unbecoming behaviour pretty char. -

Ans. 2. Love and unity are maintained, except in a few instances
Dissention mostly guarded against - when differences have
arisen, endeavours have been used to end them.

Ans. 3. There is a care amongst friends generally to bring up
those under their direction in a good degree of plainness -
And to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from
the corrupt conversation of the world - Friends are pretty
good examples herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are read
in friends families, but not so frequently by all as would
be best.

Ans. 4. Friends are careful with little exception to avoid the
use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, some care has
been taken. The unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of
public resort is generally avoided. And we think mod-
eration and temperance are observed on the occasions
referred to the query.

Ans. 5. The circumstances of the poor are attended to - A few children placed out from among friends, but which are not under our control.

Ans. 6. Quaker heads of families are generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our Discipline. The young and unmarried not all so careful as would be best.

Ans. 7. Friends are careful to maintain our Testimony in respect to the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 8. Friends, with few exceptions are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts - And we think for the most part punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts - And are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9. Friends are careful to have all their marriages recorded, births, deaths, and burials are not so fully attended to. A few cases of removals without Certificates some of which are under notice.

Ans. 10. A good degree of care is taken regularly to deal with offenders as required - and to place judgment where it appears necessary in the authority of Truth according to our Discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Bolton 9th of 8th month 1838.

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received the Representatives therein named are,

For Smithfield Walter Allen, Elih Killy, & Smith Batty
" Walsbridge Lely, Aldrich & Samuel H. Cotton
" Richmond Levi Wheeler & Rufus Randall
Bolton Daniel Osgood & Joseph Holden

all present except Saml. H. Cotton for whose absence a satisfactory reason was offered.

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Thomas Fry is appointed clerk for the day - the clerk being absent.

The queries have been read with the answers, from the several Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report, that they all attended except Edward Foster, who in an informal way was prevented by reason of sickness in his family. They present the following extracts from the minutes of that meeting, which are directed forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings, and they are requested to forward their proportion of \$162.50 to our Treasurer as follows.

Smithfield	M ^{rs}	prop. in	\$65.00
Northbridge	S ^r	"	65.00
Richmond	S ^r	S ^r	12. 18 $\frac{3}{4}$
Bolton	S ^r	S ^r	20. 31 $\frac{1}{4}$

The committee of last year to advise with friends in the management of their outward concerns inform they have given some attention to the subject of their appointment during the past year. And the same friends now under appointment are requested to give their attention to such cases as may to them appear necessary, and afford such aid by their counsel as way may open for, and report to this meeting in the 8th next year.

W. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Northbridge
8th of 11th month 1838.

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being read the Representatives there named are

For Smithfield. Moses Atlich, Moses Farnum, & John Kelly
Northbridge. John Milton Earle, Eppingham L. Capron & Deley. Atlich
Richmond. Simon Dwyer, & Rufus Randall
Bolton. Jonathan Fry. John Kimmens
all present except M. Farnum. R. Hannell & J. Kimmens

The Queries have been read in this meeting & the answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings.

The London Yearly Meeting's general Epistle of the present year was read to our edification.

Pollon Monthly Meeting in their account inform they have united with their Women's Meeting in the appointment of Ruth Weller to the place of an elder - which on being solemnly considered in this Meeting is united with our Women's Meeting having informed of their concurrence. John Osborne is appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof & Report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

This Meeting being informed of the decease of its Treasurer, Edward Earle, Asa Kelly & John Osborne are appointed a committee to settle with the administrator of the deceased, receive the money if any in the Treasury, consider of a person suitable for Treasurer, consult him thereon & report his name to our next Quarterly Meeting and in the mean time E. Earle is appointed to act as Treasurer.

The present Representatives are desired to nominate funds for clerk & assistant clerk at our next Quarterly Meeting.

John Osborne cl. k.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Fed. Ind. at Smithfield 2nd 14th 1839

Accounts from all our M^o. Meetings being received. The Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield, Christopher. Amy, William. Aldrich & Eli Kelly.
Uxbridge, Royal Southwick, Ed^d. Foster & Samuel Clapp.
Richmond, Levi Whaler & Moses Allen.
Pollon, James. V. Fry & Joseph Randall
all present except Levi Whaler & Moses Allen.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting (to whom that service was referred) propose John Osborne for clerk and John. Hilton Earle for assistant clerk, which being united with they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year.

The Queries were read in this meeting & the agreed answers thereto from all our M^o. Meetings.

Our esteemed friend Anna L. Wing attended this meeting with a certificate from Sandwich M^d. Meeting held 2^d M^o. 1st. 1839 - Her company & religious services have been acceptable to us -

Our esteemed friend Ebenezer Wing. as companion to our friend Anna L. Wing, attended this meeting. His company has been acceptable to us.

The com^e. appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to settle with the administrator on the Estate of the late Treasurer of this meeting, made the following report: to wit - which is accepted & Effingham L. Capron is appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year, and he is directed to pay the aforesaid balance to the Estate of the deceased with Interest from the time the advance was made -

"The committee appointed at last Quarterly Meeting to settle with the Administrator on the Estate of the late Treasurer of this meeting. Report. That they have examined his accounts and find a balance due the Estate of \$62.79. which was advanced by the Treasurer when he made payment to the Yearly Meeting Treas^r. for our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock in the C^h. last - We would propose for Treasurer of this meeting Effingham L. Capron."

Smithfield 1st M^o. 31st. 1839. - On behalf of Com^e. Asa Kelly

John Osborne Reports that he has informed the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Ruth Hilder to the Station of an Elder -

Bolton Monthly Meeting informs this meeting that they have directed their Treasurer to pay ours their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock

John Osborne clerk

All Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Northbridge 5th mo. 9th 1839

Accounts from all our Monthly meetings
being rec^d. the Representatives therein named are.
For Smithfield, Walter Allen, Buffum Chase & Jehabod Cook.
Uxbridge, Silas Earle, E. Fowler & David Southwick
Richmond, Daniel Bassett & Rufus Randall
Bolton, Daniel Wheeler & Blany Palmer
all present except Daniel Bassett.

The queries have been read in this meeting & answers thereto
from all our Monthly meetings from which a Summary was
prepared which as being descriptive of our present state is directed
forwarded to our Yearly Meeting by our Representatives Josiah
Shore, Arnold Aldrich^d. James N. Fry & John Milton
Earle, who are directed to attend to their appointment & Report
to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the Yearly Meetings Treasurer
our proportion of Yearly Meetings Stock.

Our beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins attended this
meeting with a copy of a minute from Providence M^c.
Meeting held 24th of 4th mo. 1839 — Her company and
religious services have been acceptable to us —

Smithfield M^c. Meeting in their acc^t. inform they have
given direction to their Treasurer to pay ours their proportion of
Yearly Meetings Stock.

Uxbridge M^c. Meeting have given similar instructions to
their Treas^r. & also to pay the Interest which accrued to this
Meeting in consequence of the delay of last years payment.

Bolton M^c. Meeting has given similar directions
to their Treas^r. in respect to Yearly Meeting Stock.

John Osborne clerk

Summary of the Answers to the Queries

- Ans. 1. All our Meetings for Religious Worship & Discipline have been attended and generally by the most of friends, yet there is a deficiency in some in this important duty, more particularly as respects Mid-week meetings - The hour pretty well observed - Some appearance of Slipping at times, & of other unbecoming behaviour mostly clear.
- Ans. 2. Love & Unity are in a good degree maintained - Detraction is generally guarded against - Where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.
3. There is a good degree of care amongst most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness - and a care to restrain them from reading pernicious Books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world. They are pretty good examples to themselves, and we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.
4. With a little exception, friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, and the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns & places of public resort - And are preserved in Moderation & Temperance on the account of births, marriages, burials & on other occasions -
5. The circumstances of the poor are attended to - none picked out from amongst friends except a few who are not made our contribution.
6. Parents and Heads of families are generally careful with regard to marriage - The young & unmarried are not all so careful as would be best.
7. We believe our Testimony is maintained as it respects the several parts of this Query - excepting one case of a young man attending a military training, as a spectator - care taken
8. Friends are not all so careful to inspect their affairs, & settle their accounts as would be best - Mostly punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts - and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Marriage Certificates are all recorded - Births, deaths & Burials not all recorded - Some Cases of Amovements from us without Certificates, in most of which care is taken

10. Friends endeavour to take due care regularly to deal with offenders, in good degree as required - And we think judgment is placed where it appears necessary, according to our Discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Bolton 8th Month 8th 1839.

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received from the Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield Walter Allen, & Wm. Kelly & Moses Farnham
Wetheridge, Josiah Shaw, David Southwick & Silas Earle.
Richmond, Simon Brewer & Ruben Randall
Bolton, John Kimmins & Jonathan Fry
all present except Simon Brewer

Our beloved friend Joseph Edgerton attended this meeting with a Certificate from Somerset Mo. Meeting, State of Ohio, dated 2nd 25th 1837. and concurring endorsement by Stillwater Quarterly Meeting. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend William Dewar as companion to our friend Joseph Edgerton attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Chesterfield M^o. Meeting Ohio. His company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to give them copies of these minutes.
The queries were read in this meeting & the answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Robson attended this meeting, with a Certificate from Hardshaw - West M^o. Meeting, held at Liverpool 19th of 9th mo 1838 & concurring endorsement by Lancashire Quarterly Meeting held

at Liverpool 20th of 9th mo 1838. And also a Certificate by the
Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London 8th of 10th mo 1838.
Their company and Religious services have been acceptable
to us —

Our esteemed friend Thomas Robson who accompanies
his wife attended this meeting with a minute from Hardsham
West M^o. Meeting held 27th of 12th mo 1838. His company
has been acceptable to us —

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting Report
they all attended — and presented the following extracts
from the Minutes, and also an Epistle of advice from
S^d Meeting, which are directed to be forwarded to our
monthly meetings, and they are requested to forward
their proportions of \$162, 50 to our Treasurer, as follows —

Smithfield	\$ 65 —
Wethidge	65 —
Richmond	12. 18 ³ / ₄
Bolton	20. 31 ¹ / ₄

The com^e. of last year to advise with friends in regard to
their outward concerns made the following Report.

"We of your committee appointed to advise with friends
in regard to their outward circumstances report that we have
attended to our appointment & endeavored to afford such
advice & assistance as circumstances required in such cases
as came to our knowledge".

Josiah Shove
Walter Allen
Moses Farnum

James N. Fry
David Southwick
Otis Thayer —

which is accepted and Asa Kelly, Moses Farnum, James
N. Fry, David Southwick, Josiah Shove, Albert S. Baydon,
Silas Earle, Stephen Phasman & John Osborne are appointed
a committee for a similar purpose for the ensuing year, at the
end of which to Report —

Richmond M^o. Meeting informing they have paid the balance
due from them of Yearly & Quarterly Meeting Stock —

Our beloved friend Anna A. Jenkins who attended our last Quarterly M^g. has since attended several meetings within our limits in which her company & Religious Services have been acceptable - The clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The com^d. appointed in the 5th mo 1837 to visit Richmond M^g. Meeting presented the following Report, which is accepted and James N. Fry, . Moses Farnum, Otis Thayer, Effingham L. Capron, Jonathan Fry, Silas Earle & John M. Earle are appointed a com^d. for a similar service and to Report when ready -

"We of your com^d. appointed to visit Richmond M^g. Meeting inform that a number of us have attended that meeting, visited several individuals, extended labor as was opened & we trust some usefulness has resulted therefrom & are united in believing that further care from this meeting would be necessary.

On behalf of Com^d. Josiah Shove
Ruth Fry

At New England Yearly Meeting, held in the 6th mo 1839

It was concluded to raise thirteen hundred Dollars for the service of this Meeting, for the year ensuing; and our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward their respective proportions of this sum to our Treasurer.

From the Minutes of said Meeting

Abraham Shearman Jr. Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting's proportion is One thousand and Sixty two $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars.

Epistle

From the Yearly Meeting of friends for New England
to its subordinate meetings

Being again permitted to meet in our Annual Assembly, our dear absent Friends have been affectionately brought to our remembrance, and we have been desirous that they might be partakers to some extent with us,

in the various & interesting concerns that have claimed our attention.

Our meeting has been large and solemn; and we have had cause reverently to acknowledge that the wing of Ancient Goodness has been in measure mercifully over us, and under its covering we have been favoured to conduct the concerns of the Church, ~~that~~ have come before us, in much brotherly love - to the Lord be the praise.

We have had the acceptable company of several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have laboured to our comfort & edification.

By the Answers to the Queries, it appears that there are many deficiencies within our borders, and we have been brought earnestly to desire, that there may be an increased concern among our members individually, faithfully to labour for their removal. A neglect of attending meetings for divine worship, particularly in the middle of the week, and a want of love and unity are among the painful deficiencies that are brought into view. Love to God and love to man - on these two commandments hang all the Law & the Prophets. When we remember our dependence upon Almighty God; when we reflect that every blessing that we enjoy both temporal and spiritual proceedeth from Him; that all things were formed and are still sustained by the word of His Power; that it is of His Mercy that we are not consumed; how can we neglect the reasonable service of assembling ourselves together to worship Him? And how, beloved Friends, can we put up our petition to Him that He will be pleased to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, while we continue to harbour in our hearts unkind feelings towards a brother? If we are wanting in these two most essential qualifications of the Christian - love to God and love to man, - it is in vain for us to attempt to support availingly, any of our religious principles and testimonies; and we have been renewedly made sensible that a deficiency herein has led to the other departures that have been brought to our notice. Let us, dear Friends, scrupulously examine ourselves and know the condition of our hearts in this respect.

Among the failures in duly maintaining our religious testimonies we notice with sorrow, some of a military nature. The faithful support of our religious views of the pacable nature of the gospel of Christ

has been felt by us at this time to be of great weight. We believe that our predecessors in religious faith had their minds divinely illuminated to understand the teachings of Christ and His Apostles on this subject, and that it is our duty to endeavor to come up faithfully in their footsteps. There are, as we apprehend, errors on either hand on this important doctrine; but we earnestly crave for our members that they may be preserved on the ancient, Christian ground of our religious Society, believing that they will find this to be practical & safe ground for them to stand upon.

It is a day, beloved Friends, when the eyes of the people are much turned towards us; and we have ardently coveted that our Light might so shine before men that they seeing our good works may glorify our Father who is in Heaven.

The doctrine of the necessity of the immediate, qualifying power of the Holy Spirit in order for the discharge of religious duty, has ever been a fundamental principle of our Society, and must continue to be acknowledged by all faithful Friends as being necessary for us practically to receive. Our testimonies against War, Oaths, Slavery, &c. are religious testimonies; and we believe we can only successfully plead them before the world, or effectually enforce them upon others, as we receive this Heavenly qualification from the Great Head of the Church.

This Meeting has been introduced into much concern that our members may be preserved from attempting in their own time and strength to do the work of the Lord. Remember the declaration of the dear Redeemer—"My time is not yet come; but your time is always ready." And we have been led to fear that in associating with others who do not acknowledge, as we do, the need of this immediate, divine qualification in order for the performance of religious duties, we are in great danger of neglecting this fundamental principle, and of attempting to act with them in our own strength and zeal; and thus lose the ability to labour successfully in the Lord's cause which He is pleased graciously to vouchsafe to those whom He calls to His service. And under this feeling of concern we believe it right for us tenderly to persuade our dear Friends to avoid mingling with the various associations of the day for the support of those Christian testimonies which our Society has peculiarly felt itself called upon to bear before the world; but keeping together as a religious body, in love-looking unto the great Helper of His people for Holy assistance, we may yet trust, in the Lord's own good time, to be in some measure the humble instruments in His hand of doing His heavenly will.

Oh! dear Friends, let us be engaged to watch unto prayer, let us gather home in the spirits of our minds unto the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, and reverently wait upon Him; that thus

we may be preserved from the spirit; the maxims and the policy of the world that leads unto death. May we be favoured to abide in Christ. "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in me". And now, beloved Friends, farewell. We desire that in simple faith we may commit ourselves into the preserving hand of Him "who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy - to whom be glory and majesty, dominion and power forever."

Signed by direction, and on behalf of our yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, from the 16th to the 21st of the sixth Month, inclusive, 1839

Abraham Shorman jr. } Clerks
Hannah Gould jr. }

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Northbridge 11th to 14th 1839. -

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received the Representatives therein named are

For Smithfield, Arnold Aldrich 2^d Luke Aldrich & Shadrach Stuart
Northbridge, Silas Earle, Royal Southwick & Daniel Clapps
Richmond, Moses Allen & Simon Brewer
Bolton, Ruben Randall & James A. Fry
all present

Our beloved friend Susan Howland attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from New Bedford M^o Meeting held 10th to 24th 1839. Her company & religious services have been acceptable to us - The Clerk is directed to give her a copy of this minute

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and answers thereto from all our M^o Meetings

Northbridge M^o Meeting in their account inform that they have concurred with their Women's Meeting in the

appointment of Phoebe S. Marsh to the Station of an Elder,
which on being solidly considered in this Meeting is united
with and our Women's Meeting having informed of their concurrence
John Osborne is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting

Arnold, Aldrich L. John Milton Earle & Richard Batty are
appointed a committee to settle the Treasurer's account, consider
what sum it will be necessary to raise for the use of the
Quarterly Meeting & propose a friend for Treasurer & report to
our next Quarterly Meeting

The present Representatives are desired to nominate friends
for clerk & assistant clerk of this meeting to our next Quarterly
Meeting

John Osborne clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at
Smithfield 2^d Mo. 13th 1840

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings, except Richmond
being received the Representatives herein named are

From Smithfield, Zachariah Southwick, Smith Batty & Moses Kelly
Uxbridge, David Southwick, Richard Batty & Edw. Foster
Bolton, Ruben Randall & James V. Fry

all present except David Southwick & James S. Fry,
on whose absence indisposition of body was assigned.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting
(to whom that service was rendered) propose John Osborne for
clerk & John Milton Earle for assistant clerk which being
united with, they are appointed to said service for the
ensuing year

We have had at this time the acceptable company of a
number of the Yearly Meetings Committee to visit & subordinate
meetings. The minute of whose appointment by the yearly

meeting has been read in this meeting

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The queries have been read in this meeting. & answers from all our Monthly meetings except Richmond

This meeting has received about 300 copies of the General Epistle of the Yearly Meeting of London for 1837, which are directed to be sent down to our Monthly Meetings for distribution. One of which has been read at this time to our edification.

The Comtee settled the Treasurers account & for other purposes, inform they are not prepared to Report - They are continued for that Service & to Report to our next 2^d Meeting.

John Osborne clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northridge 3rd Mo. 14th 1840

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received the Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield, Edward Cook, Amos, Aldrich & Smith & Batty
Northridge, Josiah Ware, Joel March & Daniel Clapp
Richmond, Levi Walker & Esch Cook
Wilton, Jonathan Fry & Abner Randall
all present

Our beloved friend Charles Osborn attended this meeting with a Certificate from Springfield Monthly Meeting & concurring endorsement by White Water Quarterly Meeting, State of Indiana - His Company & religious services have been acceptable to us

Our esteemed friend George Evans attended this

meeting as companion to our friend Charles Osborn with a copy
of a Minute from a recent M^t. Meeting Indiana. His
company has been acceptable to us

The clerk is directed to give them copies of these Minutes

The yeueres have been read in this Meeting Xaverius there to
from all our M^t. Meetings, from which a Summary was prepared
which is directed forwarded to our Yearly Meeting by our Represen-
tatives Jonathan Fry, John Milton Earle, Edward Foster,
Silas Earle, & John Osborn who are desired to attend to their
appointment & Report to our next Quarterly Meeting

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the Yearly Meeting's Treas^r our
proportion of Yearly Meeting's Debt

This meeting has received from the Meeting for Sufferings
a considerable number of copies of two documents by them prepared
One on Church Government, the other on Civil Government, which
are directed to be sent down to our several M^t. Meetings for distri-
bution

The Com^{tee} appointed to settle the Treasurer's
account & for other purposes. Report as follows:

"The Com^{tee} appointed by the Quarterly Meeting in 1839.
last to examine & settle the Treasurer's ac^t. &c. have performed
the service assigned them & find a balance due the Quary Meeting
£ 86. 7 1/2 They propose the sum of \$40 to be raised by
the Quarterly Meeting & nominate Eppingham L. Capron for
Treasurer"

Wobridge 5th mo 7th 1840

Richard Daltrey

John Milton Earle

which is satisfactory to the meeting and the sum of 40
Dollars as therein proposed is concluded to be raised for the
service of the Quarterly Meeting & in several M^t. Meetings are
desired to forward the same to our Treasurer in the following
proportions Smithfield M^t. Meeting 16 Dollars
Wobridge D D - 16 D

and Effingham S. Chapin is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year

Smithfield N. Meeting in their etc. inform they have given direction to their 'Treas.' to pay out. their 'proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock'. Walbridge & Bolton have given similar directions for Yearly Meeting Stock & also for Quarterly Meetings Stock.

Summary of the Answers to the Queries

Ans.^{er} 1. At our Meetings for religious worship & Discipline have been attended, except one Small Monthly Meeting omitted on account of severe weather. First day meetings by the greater part of our members - Week-day meetings more neglected by some - The hour pretty well observed - Some appearance of sleeping at times, of other unbecoming behaviour pretty clear

2. Love & Unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us. Detraction is generally guarded against by Mrs. Friends; when differences have come to our knowledge care has been taken to end them

3. Most friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of Speech, behaviour & apparel; to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation; they are generally good examples themselves; the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends families.

4. Friends with very little exception, are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous Liquors. The unnecessary frequenting of Taverns & places of public resort is generally avoided - the entire moderation & temperance are observed, on account of births, marriages Burials &c. on these occasions

5. The circumstances of the poor have been inspected, and suitable assistance rendered them - Three Children in one Monthly Meeting not under our control, have been placed out from among Friends.

3. We believe friends are generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our Discipline

7. We believe our Testimony has been maintained in regard to the several parts of this query -

8. Friends are careful with little exception to suspect their affairs & settle their accounts - They are generally punctual in performing their promises, and just in the payment of their debts - and are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9. Marriage Certificates are all recorded - (The records are not sufficiently attended to - a few cases of removals without Certificates)

10. A good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders as provided, though not without ^{some} exceptions - And judgment we believe is generally placed where it appears necessary according to Discipline -

W. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton
13th of 8^{mo}. 1840 -

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being rec^d.
The Representatives therein named are

For Smithfield, Joseph Farnum, Luke Aldrich Eli. Kelly
Westbridge, David Southwick, Paul Aldrich & Samuel H. Colton
Richmond, Simon Bower & Leuben Randall

Bolton Jonathan Fry & Henry Powers

of all present except Moses Farnum for whose
absence sickness in his family was assigned

Our esteemed friend Edward Fox attended this meeting
with a copy of a minute from Seabrook M^c. Meeting
held Ch^y 8^{mo}. 1840. His company and religious services
have been acceptable to us -

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Our esteemed friend Miss Huntington Jr. attended this meeting as companion to our friend Edward Gore, with a copy of a minute from Taber's M^c. Meeting - His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of these minutes.

The Queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings except Meeting

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting & Report they all attended except John Milton Earle who gave the Meeting a reason for his non attendance.

The following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting has been received, from which it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock is \$150. which our Monthly Meetings are desired to forward to our Treasurer as follows -

Smithfield, W ^m . Mead	\$60
Woburn	60
Richmond	11.25
Bolton	18.75

Several copies of the Report of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee has been rec^d. & directed to be sent down to our M^c. Meetings - One of which has been read.

The committee of last year to advise with friends in regard to their outward concerns made the following Report. "The com^{tee} appointed to advise with friends in regard to their outward concerns, Report that they have endeavored to attend to the duties of their appointment as well as has opened therefor.

On behalf of the Com^{tee}
 Elias Earle "

Bolton 8th Mo 1st 1840

which is accepted and John Osborne, James S. Fry, Schabod Cook, David Southwick, Elias Earle, David Hedges & W^m. S. Randall are appointed a com^{tee} for a similar purpose & to Report to this meeting at the end of the year.

The document on Church Government received at our
last Quarterly Meeting was at this time read
John Osborne clerk

A Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Wateridge 12th of Novr 1840

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received
the Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield, Luke Aldrich, Amos Aldrich, Rufus & Isaac Thomas & sons
Wateridge, Samuel Alden, Richard Butler, John Carl & Edward Foster
Richmond Levi Wheeler & John Randall
Bolton Jonathan Fry & David Wabeck
all present except Arnold Aldrich

The Quia have been read in this meeting & answers thereto from all
our Monthly Meetings

This meeting has received from our Meeting for Sufferings 300
copies of the London Yearly Meetings General Epistle for the present
year. They are directed to be sent down to our several Monthly
meetings - One of them has been read in this meeting to our edification
& comfort.

John Osborne clerk

A Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Smithfield 2nd 11th 1841

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings, except Richmond
being received, the Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield, William Aldrich, & John Kelly & Schabod Cook
Wateridge, Daniel Clapp, Edward Foster & Edward Cook
Bolton, Joseph Randal & Moses Wheeler
all present

The Quia have been read & answers thereto from all
our Monthly Meetings, except Richmond.

Our esteemed friend Sophronia Page attended this meeting with a minute from Salem M^c. meeting held 14th of 1st mo 1841. Her company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Wotton & Monthly Meeting inform they have given direction to their Treasurer to pay ours their proportion of Quarterly meeting Stock.

Paul Wing James N. Fry, Edward C. Cranston are appointed a committee to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum for this meeting to raise, nominate a Treasurer, and Report to next Quarterly Meeting.

The present Representatives are desired to nominate Officers for clerk and assistant clerk of this meeting & to our next Quarterly meeting.

Our beloved friend Mary B. Allen sprang before this meeting a concern as expressed in the Certificate granted her by Smithfield Monthly Meeting, which claiming the solid attention of this meeting - unity and sympathy with her therein have been fully expressed - She is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as Truth may point the way, and the Clerk is directed to endorse this minute on her Certificate.

Asa Kelly, Moses Tarnum & Edward Foster are appointed a committee to have the care of suitable providing for the Journey which our friend Mary B. Allen has in prospect.
John Osborne clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Northridge 13th of 5th mo 1841.

Accounts from all our Monthly meetings being received the Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield, Moses Tarnum, Luke Aldrich, Smith Water & Richard Cook
" Northridge, Daniel Clapp & David Southwick

Richmond, Levi Wheeler & Rufus Randall
Bolton, Reuben Randall & James V. Fry
all present except Levi Wheeler & Rufus Randall

The Representatives, to whom that service was referred, propose
John Osborne for Clerk to this meeting & John Milton Earle
assistant Clerk, which being satisfactory they are appointed to said
service for the ensuing year.

The Minutes have been read in this meeting & answers thereto
from all our monthly meetings, from which a summary was pre-
pared which is directed forwarded to the yearly meeting by our
Representatives. Walter Allen, David Southwick Moses
Tamm, John Milton Earle & James V. Fry, who are
desired to attend to their appointment & report to our next
~~monthly~~ ^{Quarterly} meeting.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the yearly meeting's
Treasurer our proportion of yearly meeting's Stock

The committee to settle the Treasurer's account & other
business made the following Report which is satisfactory and the
sum of 40 Dollars as therein proposed, concluded to be raised.
The several monthly meetings are desired to pay to our Treasurer
the same in their usual proportions - and Ethingham L. Casper
is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account
have attended to their appointment, and find due from him the
sum of \$16.40. We propose the sum of \$40 for the meeting to
raise & Ethingham L. Casper for Treasurer.

James V. Fry } Com.
Paul Wing
Edw. C. Cranston }

Smithfield m^y: m^y: j^y: \$16.00
Uxbridge " " " 16.00
Richmond " " " 3.
Bolton " " " 5

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Smithfield. no meeting has given direction to their members to pay
their proportion of yearly meeting stock
Webster. their proportion of yearly & Quarterly meeting stock
Bolton. of yearly meeting stock

Our Women meeting presented the following minute which
being united with, the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf
Our beloved friend Hephronia Page, who was with us at our last
Quarterly meeting, has also attended all the meetings within our
limits, in all of which her companion & religious services have
been acceptable — John Osborne clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends
held at Bolton 8th mo. 12th 1841

Accounts from all our monthly meetings being received the
Representatives there named are
For Smithfield, John Pelly, Walter Allen, Jonathan Coo
Shadrach Steen.
Webster, Amasa Southwick, Paul Aldrich & Silas Earle
Richmond, Levi Wheeler, Rufus Randall
Bolton, James A. Fay, Joseph Holder
all present

The Minutes have been read in this meeting and answers there
from all our monthly meetings.

The representatives to our last yearly meeting Report.

They all attended, & presented the following extract from the
minutes of said meeting — by which it appears that our proportion
of Yearly meeting stock is \$162.50 — which our several monthly
meetings are desired to forward to our Treasurer in the following usual
proportions.

Smithfield	\$ 65.00
Webster	" 65.00
Richmond	12.18 ³ / ₄
Bolton	20.21 ¹ / ₄
	162.50.

together with a number of copies of the Report of the Scouting School Committee, one of which has been read - They are directed to be sent down to our respective M^c meetings.

The committee to visit Richmond Monthly Meeting made the following Report viz:

which being read is satisfactory and the following friends, John Osborne, John Milton Earle, Schabel Cook, Edw. Foster, Paul Aldrich, David Southwick, James A. Fry, Eli Kelly, Richard Watley & Amasa Southwick are appointed a committee to visit said meeting and extend such advice and assistance to its members as may be deemed necessary and circumstances require, and report their sense of the situation of things in relation to that meeting generally when ready.

Our beloved friend Mary R. Allen returned to this meeting the Certificate granted her in the Ist M^c last, with the information that she had performed the visit then in prospect to the peace of her own mind, together with an endorsement by Virginia Gentry Meeting, expressive of her having satisfactorily attended Ist meeting.

This meeting unites with our Women's meeting in concurring with the appointment by Bolton M^c meeting of Ruth Fry to the Station of an elder.

This meeting unites with Welbridge M^c meeting in the appointment of Richard Watley to the Station of an elder - with which our Women's meeting have informed of their concurrence.

The com^{tee} appointed in 8m. last year to advise with friends in regard to their outward concerns, not being ready to report at this time, are continued in that service & to report at our next Quarterly Meeting. J. Osborne Clerk

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A Smithfield Quarterly meeting of funds held at
Northbridge Nov. 11. 1841

Accounts from all our monthly meetings being rec.
the Representatives therein named are.
From Smithfield, Ichabod Cook, Edw. L. Cranston & John Osborne.
" Northbridge, Edw. Foster, Paul. Hilditch & Joseph Shove
" Richmond, Samuel L. Allen & Rufus Randall
" Bolton, Daniel Whaler & James V. Fry
all present

Our beloved friend Moses A. Berde attended this meeting
with a copy of a minute from Rhode Island monthly meeting
dated 28th of Nov. 1841. His company & religious engagements
have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and
answers from all our monthly meetings.

This meeting has received 300 copies of the London
Yearly Meeting's General Epistle for 1841, one of which has been
read to our edification. The clerk is directed to forward them
to our several M^o. Meetings for general distribution among our
members.

The committee to advise with friends in regard to their
outward concerns presented the following Report, which being read
is accepted and Ichabod Cook, David Southwick, James V. Fry,
John Osborne, Asa Kelly, Joseph Clapp, Rufus Randall,
Richard Walley & Smith Walley are appointed a committee
for a similar service and to report at the end of the year.

"The committee appointed in the 8^{mo}. 1840 to give their
assistance & counsel to such of our members as might seem to need
the help of their friends in the management of their outward
affairs. - Report, That we have endeavored to attend to the
duties of our appointment as far as seemed to open therefor."

On behalf of the com^t

Nov. 11. 1841

Peter Earle

Uxbridge Mr. Maling in their account inform that Asa Dennis
had notified them of his intention to appeal from their judgment
in testifying their disunity with him as a member - And the S.
Asa Dennis in writing informed us that he appealed from the
judgment of said meeting in disowning him we therefore appoint
Schaback Cook, James A. Fry, Smith Batley, Daniel Wheeler,
Rufus Randall, Moses Furnum & Samuel D. Allen, a com.
to take said appeal into consideration, hear the parties and
determine thereon, and Report to this meeting the result thereof
when ready - John Osborne clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Smithfield 10th of 2nd mo. 1842.

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings being read
the Representatives their names are
To Smithfield, Moses Aldrich, Asa Batley, Smith Batley
Uxbridge, Richard Batley, Paul Aldrich & Daniel Clapp
Richmond, Samuel D. Allen & Rufus Randall
Totton, James A. Fry & Moses Wheeler

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the
requisite answers from all our Monthly Meetings -

Our beloved friend Moses H. Beale, who acceptably attended
our last Quarterly Meeting has since attended a few meetings
within our limits in which his company & Religious services were
acceptable. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of
this Minute

Arnold Aldrich D., Richard Batley, & John
Hilton Earle are appointed a committee to settle the Treasurer's
account, propose a sum necessary to be raised for the use
of the Meeting, nominate a Treasurer & Report to our next
Quarterly Meeting -

The present Representatives are desired to propose to our next Quarterly Meeting the names of friends for Clerk and Assistant Clerk to this meeting
John Osborne cl. k

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 12th of 5th mo 1842 - at Northbridge.

Accounts from our monthly meetings being received, the Representatives therein named are

For Smithfield, Luke Aldrich, Newland Rothman & Thomas Greer,
Uxbridge, John Milton Earle & Daniel Clapp
Richmond, Levi Webster & Simon Brown
Wolton, James N. Fry & Amos Wheeler
all present

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting propose John Osborne for Clerk and John Milton Earle for Assistant Clerk, which being united with by the meeting they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year -

The Minutes have been read in this meeting and answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings from which a Summary was prepared, which is directed to be forwarded to our Yearly Meeting by our Representatives Messrs Aldrich, Daniel Clapp, John Osborne, Messrs Furman, James N. Fry & Edward Foster, who are desired to attend to their appointment & report to our next Quarterly Meeting -

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock -

The committee in the case of Asa Bennis' appeal from the judgment of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in disowning him made the following Report, viz

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends to be held at Northbridge in the 5th mo 1842

We your committee appointed in consequence of the appeal of Asa Bennis from the judgment of Uxbridge Monthly

Meeting against him - Report, That we have attended
to our appointment & met with him and the Committee appointed
by said Meeting to represent the case on their behalf & have fully
heard what they had to lay before us, and have deliberately considered
thereon & have come to the conclusion that the judgment of
Uxbridge Monthly Meeting ought to be confirmed -

Wm. Farnum, Dehabed Cook, Daniel Whider, } Secs.
James A. Fry, Smith Watley, Samuel Allen Hulse & Randall

Which is accepted and the judgment of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting
confirmed; and the Clerk is directed to furnish said Monthly Meeting
with a copy of this minute; and Richard Batley & David
Southwick are appointed to inform him of the conclusion of this meeting

The committee to settle the Treasurer's account & for
other purposes made the following Report, viz. "The committee
appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to settle the Treasurer's
account &c. Report - that they have performed the Service assigned
them and find a balance due the Quarterly Meeting of \$77.06
and propose the sum of \$40 to be raised for the Quarterly meeting
and nominate John Aborn for treasurer -

5m^o 12. 1842 On behalf of Com^t. & Minute Aldwin 2.

Which is accepted and 40 dollars the sum therein proposed
is concluded to be raised, and the respective Monthly meetings
are desired to pay the same to our Treasurer in their usual
proportions - And John Aborn is appointed Treasurer
to this meeting for the ensuing year -

Smiths Monthly Meetings proportion is	\$16
Uxbridge & a ^c -	16
Richmond a ^c -	3
Bolton " " "	5

Smithfield Monthly Meeting in their account, inform they
have given direction to pay our Treasurer their proportion of Yearly
Meeting Stock - Uxbridge & Bolton, Yearly & Quarterly Meeting Stock

John Aborn
Clerk

Summary of the Answers to the Queries 345

- Ans. 1. All our meetings for Religious worship & Discipline have been attended - those on first days by most friends mid-week meetings not so fully attended - The House pretty well observed by most - Some appearance of sleep in a few at times - not much other unbecoming behaviour noticed in our meetings.
- Ans. 2. Love & Unity appear to be in a good degree maintained by most friends - Contention is generally guarded against - and when differences have arisen can have been settled to our mutual satisfaction.
- Ans. 3. Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their care in plainness; to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation. They are generally good examples herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends' families.
- Ans. 4. Friends appear to be mostly careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors & the frequenting of places of public resort. One answer makes some exception in the latter respect, and another reports a little exception in the use of spirituous liquors, in which case has been taken. Moderation and temperance are observed in the respects queried after.
- Ans. 5. The circumstances of the poor have been duly attended to and their necessities relieved. Two children not under the control of friends, have been placed out from among friends.
- Ans. 6. Parents and heads of families mostly careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. The young and unmarried are not ^{all} so careful as would be best.
- Ans. 7. Our testimony appears to be maintained as respects the several parts of this Query.
- Ans. 8. Friends are careful with little exception to inspect their affairs & to settle their accounts. They are generally punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.
- Ans. 9. Marriage Certificates are all recorded. Births and deaths generally recorded. There are a few cases of removals without certificates; some of which are under notice.

Ans. 10. Can is taken to deal with offenders, though not in all cases so seasonably as would be best, and to place judgment when it appears necessary according to Discipline -

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
8^{mo}. 11th 1842 at Bolton -

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings being received the Representatives therein named are,

For Smithfield, Eli Kelly, Schabedock Smith & Batty.
Uxbridge, Effingham T. Capron, Joel Marsh & Elias Earle.
Richmond, Simon Weaver & Rufus Randall.
Bolton, John Kimmens & Josiah Watcock.
all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and the required answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings -

The Representatives to our last Yearly Meeting, Report, they all attended except one, whose non-attendance was occasioned by sickness. They presented the following Extract from the minutes of said Meeting; By which it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is \$150 which our several Monthly Meetings are desired to forward to our Treasurer in their usual proportions -

"At New England Yearly Meeting held in the Sixth Month, 1842.

It was concluded to raise Twelve Hundred

Dollars for the service of the ensuing year; which our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to David Buffum, Treasurer of this Meeting, in the usual proportions -

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting's proportion, 12 1/2 % of, is (One Hundred fifty Dollars (\$150))" Abraham Shearman Jun^r Clerk

\$.	60
1/2.	60
2.	11.25
B	18.75 150

About 300 copies of the Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting have been rec^d. One of which has been read to our edification - The clerk is directed to send them down to our several M^s.

Meetings - A few Copies of the Report of the Yearly Meeting's
Boarding School Committee have also been recd. and directed
to be sent to our respective Monthly Meetings - One of which
having been read -

John Osborne
clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Northbridge 11th Mo. 10th 1842.

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings being received
the Representatives therein named are -

For Smithfield Thomas Snow, Ichabod Cook & Rowland Ruthben
Uxbridge Joel Marsh Richard Batley & Amasa Southwick
Richmond Esch Cook & Levi White

Dorset James N. Fry & Joseph Randell
who being called upon are present.

Our esteemed friend Edward Gove attended this
meeting with a copy of a minute from Seabrook
Monthly Meeting held at Pittsfield 6th of 10th month
1842. His company & religious engagements have
been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend David Challis attended
this meeting as companion to our friend Edward
Gove - His company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies
of these minutes.

The queries have been read in this meeting and
the required answers thereto from all our attending
meetings.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, in their account, inform
they have united with their Women's meeting in the appointment
of Ruth Earle to the station of an Elder, a high claiming one
solid consideration, is united with, having the concurrence
of our Women's meeting - And John Osborne is app-
ointed to inform the Select Quarterly meeting of the
appointment.

John Osborne
clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting held at Smithfield
Dec^r 9th 1843.

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings being received
The Representatives therein named are

For Smithfield, Moses Farnum, Geo. May, Moses Aldrich & Amos Kelley
Northbridge, Daniel Clapp, Peleg Aldrich & Edward Foster
Richmond, Samuel L. Allen & Daniel Wapcott
Bolton, Moses Wheeler & Peregrine Wheeler
all Present except Daniel Clapp & Daniel Wapcott.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the answers
answered thereto from all our monthly meetings.

Richard Battey, Asa Kelly & Amos Aldrich &c. are
appointed a Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, propose
a sum necessary to be raised for the use of the Meeting,
nominate a Treasurer & Report to our next meeting.

The present Representatives are desired to propose to our
next Quarterly Meeting the names of Friends for Clerk &
Assistant Clerk to this Meeting. John Osborne Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Northbridge
Dec^r 11th 1843.

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings being received
The Representatives therein named are for
Smithfield, Ichabod Cook, Luke Aldrich, Asa Kelly & Smith Battey
Northbridge, Peleg Aldrich, Paul Wing & Daniel Clapp
Richmond, Amos Brewer & Samuel C. Allen
Bolton, James N. Fry & Amos Wheeler
all present.

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting to whom
the subject was referred, propose John Osborne for Clerk &
John Melton Earle for assistant clerk, which being
united they are appointed to said services for the
ensuing year.

The queries have been read in this meeting and answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings from which a general Summary has been compiled which is directed to be forwarded to our Yearly Meeting by our Representatives John Alston Cook, Daniel Olap, Anthony Chace, James N. Fry & Smith Batley who are desired to attend to their appointment and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The com. to settle the Treasurers acc. &c for other purposes made the following Report - which is accepted and the sum of \$20 is concluded to be raised and our Monthly Meetings are desired to pay their respective proportions thereof to our Treasurer and send an account thereof to this meeting - John Osborne is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

To Smithfield ^{Quarterly} Meeting -

The com. appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to settle the Treasurers acc. &c Report that we have performed the service assigned us and find a balance in his hands due the meeting of \$48.89 - and propose the sum of \$20 to be raised for the use of the Quarterly Meeting the ensuing year - and nominate John Osborne for Treasurer.

Asa Kelly
Amos Almon

Smithfield M. Mtg	\$8.
Watbury " "	8
Richmond " "	1.50
Bolton " "	2.50

This meeting recd. from our Meeting for Sufferings a considerable number of copies of the Epistle of the Yearly Meeting of London for 1842, one of which was read to our edification - They are directed to be sent down to our Monthly Meetings for distribution.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Watbridge M. Meeting & Bolton Monthly Meeting inform they have given direction to their Treasurers to pay over their respective proportions of Yearly & Quarterly Meeting Stock.

John Osborne clerk

Summary of the Answers to the Queries -

- Ans. 1. All our meetings for religious worship & Discipline have been attended, and generally by the greatest part of our members, yet there is a deficiency on the part of some in this important duty: The hour is pretty well observed - some appearance of sleeping in a few, of other unbecoming behaviour generally clear -
- Ans. 2. Love and Unity in a good degree maintained - Detraction is mostly guarded against - Care is taken to end differences when they have appeared -
- Ans. 3. Friends, generally, endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world. They are pretty good examples herein themselves - The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in friends families -
- Ans. 4. Friends are careful, with very little exception, to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicine; the unnecessary frequenting of taverns & places of public resort, - and are careful to observe temperance & moderation, on account of births, marriages, burials and on other occasions -
- Ans. 5. The necessities of the poor have been relieved - One or two children, not under our control, are placed out from amongst them -
- Ans. 6. Parents and heads of families, with the young unmarried, are generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage, be conformable to our Discipline -
- Ans. 7. We believe our Testimonies, referred to in this Query, are pretty well maintained: One case of the performance of Military Service has occurred, which is under notice -
- Ans. 8. Friends, generally, are careful to settle their accounts and are generally punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts - And endeavour to live within the bounds of their circumstances -
- Ans. 9. Marriage Certificates are all recorded - Births, deaths & burials generally recorded - A few instances have occurred of removals without Certificate -
- Ans. 10. A good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders as Quered - And we think judgment is placed where it appears necessary according to our Discipline -

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton
8^{mo}. 10th 1843.

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings being received the Representatives therein named are for
Smithfield Thomas Grover, Shadrash Stee, Lemuel Grover
Uxbridge Daniel Clap, Leleg Aldrich & Edward Foster
Richmond Daniel Bassett & Samuel D. Allen
Bolton John Kimmens & Joseph Holder
all present except two - for the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason was offered.

The Quins have been read in this meeting & the required answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report they all attended - and presented the following extract from the minutes of said Meeting, by which it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is \$150 which our several Monthly Meetings are desired to forward to our Treasurer in their usual proportions

viz Smithfield	\$60.	} 150
Uxbridge	60	
Richmond	11. 25	
Bolton	18. 75	

At New England Yearly Meeting 8^{mo}. 1843

It was concluded to raise twelve hundred Dollars for the service of the ensuing year - David Buffum was appointed Treasurer - and our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to him their respective proportions of the above sum - Smithfield Q^{rly}. Meeting's proportion 12 1/2 % or it is \$150. - From the minutes of E. Meeting

Abm Shearman Dr. Clerk

Also recd. several copies of the report of the Yearly Meetings concerning School Committee, one of which was read they are directed to be sent down to our several Monthly Meetings.

John Osborne Clerk

W. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge
Nov. 9. 1843

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings being received the
Representatives therein named are

For Smithfield, Thomas Grover, Rowland Rathbun & Moses Farnum.
Northbridge, Daniel Clapp, Edward Foster, Amasa Southwick & Abner Sprague
Richmond, Levi Wheeler & Rufus Randall
Belton, James A. Fry & James Payson
all present

Our esteemed friend Charles F. Coffin attended this meeting
with a copy of a minute from Sidney Monthly Meeting in the
State of Maine held 9th mo. 21st 1843. His Company & religious
services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Eli Jones attended this meeting with
a copy of a minute from China Monthly Meeting in the State
Maine held 8th mo. 15. 1843. and a concurrent minute from Caspallons
Quarterly Meeting held 9th mo. 5. 1843. His Company and religious
engagements have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Daniel Smiley, companion of Eli
Jones, with a copy of a minute from Caspallons Monthly Meeting
held 9th mo. 20. 1843, has been acceptably with us at this time.
The clerk is directed to furnish them respectively with copies of
these minutes.

The Queries have been read, with the required
answers from all our Monthly Meetings.

Richmond Monthly Meeting informs that they have paid
their proportion of Yearly & Quarterly Meetings' Stock for 1842.
And Northbridge Monthly Meeting, that it has directed
its Treasurer to pay their proportion of Quarterly & Yearly Meetings'
Stock for the present year.

The committee to advise with members in relation to their
outward affairs made the following report, which is accepted.
Moses Farnum, Rowland Rathbun, Edward C. Gurnston, Amasa
Southwick, Benjamin Wheeler, Peleg Aldrich, James A. Fry,
Levi Wheeler, Smith & Batley, Rufus Randall, Richard & Batley &
Edward Earle are appointed to the same service for the
incoming year, to Report in the 11th mo. next

"The committee appointed in the 11th Mo. 1841 to give their assistance and advice to such of our members as might appear to need the counsel of their friends in the management of their outward affairs Report - that we have endeavored to attend to the duties of our appointment as way has opened therefor

On behalf of the Com^{tee}
John Osborne "

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield Dec. 8. 1844

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings being received the Representatives therein named are

For Smithfield, Smith & Babbey, Arnold Aldrich & Moses Kelly
Uxbridge, Edward Earle, James Clapp, Edward Foster Joel Marsh
Richmond, Samuel S. Allen & Daniel Wapell
Pelton James S. Fry & Joseph Randall
all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and the required answers thereof from all our Monthly Meetings -

This meeting received a considerable number of printed copies of the London Yearly Meeting's General Epistle, one of which has been read to our edification. The Representatives are requested to take them to their respective Mt. Meetings for distribution -

Our esteemed friend Anna L. Ming attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting held the 4th of 12^{mo} 1843 - Her company & Religious Services have been acceptable to us -

Our esteemed friend Mary Shore attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Swansea Monthly Meeting held 29th of 1^{mo} 1844. Her company & Religious Services have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of our women's meeting in furnishing them with the substance of these minutes respectively.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in their account inform they have appointed Joel Marsh to the Station of an Elder, which being solemnly considered in this meeting is united with, and our women's meeting have informed of their concurrence. John Osborne is appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof.

The present Representatives are desired to propose to our next Meeting the names of Friends for Clerk and Assistant Clerk to this Meeting -

Arnold Aldrich & Richard Babbey are appointed a committee to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum necessary to be raised for the use of the Meeting, nominate a Treasurer and Report to our next Meeting -

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Northbridge 5th mo. 9th 1844

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being
received the Representatives therein named are
To Smithfield, Newland Nathaniel, Smith Batty & Thomas Grever
Northbridge, Edward Foster, Almara Southwick & Paul Wing
Richmond, Levi Wheeler & Samuel Allen
Bolton, Amos Wheeler Joseph Randall
all present except one

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting - to whom
that service was referred - propose John Estorpe for Clerk
& John Milton Earle for Assistant Clerk, which being satisfactory
to the meeting they are appointed to said service for the
ensuing year.

Our esteemed friend Charles Taber attended this Meeting
with a Certificate from Farnham Mo. Meeting, dated 7th mo. 24. 1843
and a concurring endorsement by Farnborough Quarterly Meeting
held 5th mo. 9th 1843 - His company & religious engagements have
been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend David W. Knowles attended this
Meeting with a certificate from Farnham Mo. Meeting held
7th mo. 24. 1843 - and endorsement of concurrence by Farnborough
Quarterly Meeting held 8th mo. 9th 1843. His company & religious
services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend ^{OP}Paul Southwick attended this
Meeting as companion to our friend Charles Taber, with a
copy of a minute from Farn Mo. Meeting held 12th mo. 28
1843 - his company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with Copies of these
Minutes respectively.

The Inquiries have been read in this Meeting and answers
thereof from all our Monthly Meetings from which a summary
has been prepared, which is directed to be forwarded to our
Yearly Meeting by our Representatives Daniel Clapp, Moses Farnham
John Milton Earle, Releg Aldrich, James A. Fry, Smith Batty
& Edward Earle, who are desired to attend to this appointment &
Report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

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Our Treasurer is directed to pay our Yearly Meetings Treasurer
Our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes made the following report which is accepted and the sum of 20 Dollars is concluded to be raised, and our Monthly Meetings we desire to pay their respective proportions thereof to our Treasurer & send an account thereof to this Meeting - John Osborne is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to settle the Treasurer's account &c. Report that we have attended to our appointment and find a balance in his hands due this Meeting of Eighty three Dollars & 76 cents - and propose the sum of \$20 to be raised for the use of the Quarterly Meeting for the ensuing year - And nominate John Osborne, Jr. Treasurer.

5th 9. 1844

On behalf of the Com.^{tee} Richard Dally

Smithfield & Melbridge M^{ts}. Meetings inform they have given to their Treasurers directions to pay our's, their respective proportions of Yearly & Quarterly Meeting Stock

Totton M^{ts}. M^{ts}. Has paid its proportion of 47. 27 M^{ts}. Stock

Smithfield M ^{ts} metg.	5
Melbridge M ^{ts}	8
Richmond M ^{ts}	1. 50
Totton M ^{ts}	2. 50

John Osborne Clerk

Summary of the Answers.

- Ans. 1. All our Meetings have been attended except one generally by most friends as far as circumstances would allow but there is an indifference manifested in this respect by some especially in relation to mid-week meetings. The hour is pretty well observed - Friends are generally clear of sleeping though not without some exception and mostly clear of other unbecoming behavior in our meetings.
- Ans. 2. Love and Unity are generally maintained amongst us and dissension is mostly guarded against - When differences have arisen, care has been taken to settle them.
- Ans. 3. Friends are not all so careful to bring up their children in plainness as would be best - They are generally careful to keep them from pernicious books and corrupt conversation, they are pretty good examples to their themselves, and we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends families.

Ans. 4. Friends, we believe, are clear, with very few exceptions, of the use of spirituous liquors and of the unnecessary frequenting of places of public resort and careful to keep in true moderation in account of births, marriages, burials and on other occasions -

Ans. 5. The necessary care is taken, respecting the Poor. Some instances have occurred of children being placed out from among friends most of which are not under our control.

Ans. 6. Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried, are mostly careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our Discipline.

Ans. 7. We believe our testimony is faithfully maintained in these respects -

Ans. 8. Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts - and are pretty punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and are careful to live within the limits of their circumstances.

Ans. 9. Marriage certificates are all recorded Births and Deaths not entirely so - Some removals without certificates, which are generally under notice -

Ans. 10. Care has been taken in most cases to deal with offenders and to place judgment according to Discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends, held at
Bolton 8th mo 8th 1844

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received
the Representatives therein named are for
Smithfield Luke Aldrich Smith Batley & Rowland Rathburn
Waterloo Joel Marsh Seneca Congdon Amasa Southworth & Rich. Batley
Richmond Daniel Bassett & Rufus Reindall
Bolton Asa Wheeler & Josiah Badcock
all present except one.

Our beloved friend John Pease attended this meeting
with a Certificate from Darlington Monthly Meeting
held 21st of 3rd mo. 1843 and endorsement of concurrence
by Durham Quarterly Meeting; Likewise a certificate

E X T R A C T
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England,
HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,
From the 16th to the 21st, inclusive, of the Sixth month, 1844.

THE Annual Report of the Committee of this Meeting having the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, was produced and read, and being satisfactory to us, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, jun. *Clerk.*

T O T H E Y E A R L Y M E E T I N G .

The Boarding School Committee Report, That they have endeavoured during the past year to discharge the services entrusted to them by the Yearly Meeting, in superintending the various concerns of the Boarding School. The average number of scholars has been 55. Meetings have been regularly held in the house, and harmony has prevailed.

Our friends Allen and Olive Wing are engaged for the present year as Superintendents; and Charles Atherton and William Nicholson as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Mary Atherton and Elizabeth J. Aldrich in the Girls'.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School from all sources has been \$9,356⁹⁹/₁₀₀, its expenditures \$9,202⁸⁶/₁₀₀, and that there is a balance in the Treasury of \$5,220²⁵/₁₀₀, the devise of our late friend Moses Brown of \$5,000, for the purchase of real estate, having been received during the past year; a part of which is due for the purchase effected agreeably to the will of the donor. For details of the receipts and expenses of the School, we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account, herewith forwarded.

We would propose that the price for board and tuition be continued the same as last year: viz. \$30 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, \$45 for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and \$50 for those of other Yearly Meetings. Books and stationary being furnished as at present. We also think it safe to propose that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar for the next winter term, free of expense, and Monthly Meetings are requested to exercise care in the selection of the scholars, to conform to the conditions of the will of the principal donor to the charitable fund, viz. that it be applied "for the schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings."

The Schools have been examined at the close of each term by a Committee appointed for that purpose ; and from the last report of the visiting Committee we make the following extract : viz. " In the examination of the scholars, satisfactory evidence was given of their having made good proficiency in the studies in which they had been engaged. The knowledge and acquaintance manifested in some of the most important branches of education were such as to warrant the conclusion that there had been a very commendable degree of application on the part of the scholars, and faithfulness and assiduity on that of the teachers. The general appearance of the school was satisfactory, and the deportment of the scholars orderly, inducing a belief that usefulness continues to result from the Institution."

In review of the past year the Committee are brought to feel regret that the number of scholars has been less than in many former years. The object of the Yearly Meeting in establishing the School, that the children of Friends might receive a religious, guarded education, free from the contaminating influences of the world, may we believe be in a good degree attained by placing our children in this Institution. We therefore desire affectionately to encourage our fellow-members to avail themselves of the advantages to be derived from this School, that thus the concern and liberality of our departed Friends, who were instrumental in establishing and endowing it, and who are now gathered from works to rewards, may be to the benefit of the children of the present and succeeding day.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

THOS. HOWLAND, Clerk at this time.

Boarding School, 5th mo. 3d, 1844.

[The next Winter term will commence on Second-day 10th month 28th. The next Summer term, on Second-day, 4th month 28th, 1845.

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from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in
London by adjournments on the 22^d & 23^d of 5th month
and 3^d of Nov^r of the same year, expressive of unity with
his ministry & present religious engagements — His
company and Gospel labours have been acceptable and
edifying to us. —

Our esteemed friend Samuel Miles attended this
meeting as companion to our friend John Pease
with a minute from Wilmington Monthly Meeting
held 5th Mo. 4th 1844 — His company has been acceptable
to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish our friends
with copies of these minutes respectively. —

The Quinies have been read in this meeting and
the required answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report
they all attended, and presented the following extracts
from the minutes of said meeting by which it appears
that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is \$175
which our Monthly Meetings are desired to pay
to our treasurer in the following proportions

Smithfield	\$70—
Uxbridge	70
Richmond	13.12½
Bolton	21.87½

A New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held
in the Sixth Month 1844 —

"Smithfield Quarterly Meeting's Proportion of Yearly
Meeting's Stock is One Hundred & seventy five Dollars —"
A. W. Shearman Jun^r Clk.

This meeting received from our Yearly Meeting a number
of copies of the Report of the Committee having charge of
the Boarding School at Providence — One of which was read
They are directed to be sent down to our several M^o Meetings.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at
Northbridge 11th mo 14 1844.

Accounts from all our monthly meetings being received
the Representatives therein named are, for
Smithfield Smith Batley Luke Aldrich & Isaac Ritty
Northbridge Joel Marsh, Effingham S. Capron Dan Clap & Amasa Southwick
Richmond Samuel Allen & Simon Dwyer
Bolton James N. Fry & Moses Wheeler.
all present.

Our beloved friend Benjamin Fry attended this meeting
with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting State
of New Hampshire dated 9th mo 19 1844 His company
& Religious Services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford attended
this meeting with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly
Meeting, State of Massachusetts held Nov. 1st 1844
His company & Religious Services have been acceptable to us.

Our friends Isaac R. Gifford his wife Phoebe R.
Gifford, who accompany our friend Lemuel Gifford, attended
this meeting with a minute from Dartmouth Mo. Meeting held
10^{mo}. 23. 1844 expressive of their being members in unity - Their
company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish our friends with copies of these
minutes respectively.

The Queries have been read in this meeting & the required
answers thereto from all our Mo. Meetings.

The Committee appointed in the 11th mo. last year to
advise with members in relation to their outward affairs, not
being ready to Report at this time, they are continued under
the appointment & desired to Report at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Smithfield Monthly Meeting in their account, inform
that in concurrence with their women's meeting they have
appointed Abigail Inman to the station of an Elder, which
on being solidly considered in this meeting is united with

Having the concurrence of our women's meeting John Osborn
is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting thereof 354

Uxbridge M^c. Meeting inform they have directed their Treasurer
to pay ours their proportion of Yearly & Quarterly Meeting Stock

John Osborn clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield Dec^r. 13. 1845
Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received
the Representatives therein named are for
Smithfield Walter Allen, Moses Farnum & Smith Batty
Uxbridge Daniel Clap, Edward Foster & Edward Eagle
Richmond Amos Brewer & Samuel C. Allen
Boston Joseph Standale & Moses Wheeler.
all present.

Our beloved friend Samuel Taylor Jr. attended this meeting
with a certificate from Sidney Monthly Meeting held at Fair
field 11th M^c. 21. 1844 — His company & religious servi-
ces have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend David Dudley attended this meeting
with a certificate from St Albans Monthly Meeting
dated 9th M^c. 24. 1844 — His company & religious
services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend David Douglas attended this meeting
as companion to our friend David Dudley with a
copy of a minute from St Albans M^c. meeting held
10th M^c. 22. 1844 — His company has been acceptable to
us — The Clerk is directed to furnish them with
copies of these minutes respectively.

The Quisers have been read in this meeting & the requisite
answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings.

This meeting rec^d. about 300 copies of the London Yearly mee-
ting's general epistle of 1844 one of which was read to
our edification — The representatives are desired to take
them to their respective monthly meetings for general
distribution.

This meeting su^d. and read at this time a document prepared by the meeting for sufferings, giving an amount of a separation of a few persons within the limits of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and is as follows.

The com^t. appointed to advise with members in relation to their outward affairs presented the following Report which is accepted — And it appearing that usefulness would result from the appointment of a similar com^t. for the ensuing year, the following friends are named to that service — Asa Kelly, Richard Batty, Rowland Rathbun, Benjamin Whelan, James A. Fry, Edward Earl, Simon Brewer.

To Southfield Quarterly Meeting —

Your com^t. appointed in the 11th mo. 1843 to advise with friends concerning their outward affairs report that we have endeavored to attend to our appointment and have given such advice in a few instances as we thought needful & proper, altho we are not aware that much labor in this respect is called for at present yet we think the appointment of a similar committee may be of service — On behalf of com^t.
2^d mo 12 1845 — Richard Batty

Richard Batty & Luke Aldrich are appointed a com^t. to settle the Treasury account — propose a sum necessary to be raised for the use of the meeting — nominate a Treasurer — and report to our next meeting

The present representatives are desired to propose to our next meeting the names of friends for Clerk & assistant Clerk to this meeting —

John Abner Clark

To the Preparative, Monthly and Quarterly Meetings of Friends within the limits of NEW-ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

DEAR FRIENDS—

In the discharge of the important duties devolving upon this Meeting, in the recess of the Yearly Meeting, we feel it to be incumbent upon us at this time to address you, and inform you of some of the deeply painful circumstances that have transpired in Society since our last Yearly Meeting, in the progress of that separating spirit that is producing divisions among us.

In Swanzey Monthly Meeting for a long time past there has been a want of that love and unity which are essential to the right conducting of the affairs of Truth. More than two years since, Committees were appointed in that meeting to propose the names of Clerks and Overseers of Society, but they were unable to agree upon Friends for those stations. The state of this Meeting had claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, and also of a Committee of Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, previous to our last Yearly Meeting; and much labor had been bestowed by them to remedy the existing difficulties and to produce that organization of the meeting that would enable it to carry into effect the Discipline—the administration of which had been seriously interrupted.

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting "to assist and advise such meetings and members as circumstances may require and way open for," with a number of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee then under appointment, met with these two Committees of the Monthly Meeting in the 7th month and united with a part of them in their proposing to the meeting the names of certain friends for Clerks and Overseers. With the exception of two or three individuals, all the members of these Committees of the Monthly Meeting either united with the names proposed or expressed their acquiescence therein. They were accordingly reported by those Committees to the Monthly Meeting, and the report was fully united with by the large body of the members of that Meeting. A few individuals opposed it, and the Clerk, who was one of this number, refused to record the clearly expressed sense of the meeting; although earnestly advised to do so by the Yearly Meeting's Committee in attendance. The condition of this meeting as it then stood was presented to the Quarterly Meeting in the 8th month, which again appointed a Committee to visit Swanzey Monthly Meeting and assist in its due organization, that our christian Discipline might be supported, as in former days, to the honor of Truth.

At the following Monthly Meeting, the individual who had previously acted as Clerk still persisting in attempting to hold that station contrary to the fully expressed sense of the meeting and of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee, and of the earnest entreaty and advice of the Yearly Meeting's Committee—and the Monthly Meeting having again at this time (with the exception of those individuals who had manifested their opposition at the last meeting) united in the appointment as Clerk of the friend who had been selected at the previous meeting, he proceeded to open the meeting, and the Representatives from all the Preparative Meetings presented to him the Reports from those meetings, and all answered to the calling of their names. Notwithstanding this decision of the meeting, the former Clerk continued to sit at the table and to form and read minutes; and to prevent confusion, Friends, after having read the minute of the Quarterly Meeting appointing its Committee, adjourned to a later hour in the afternoon—by far the larger part of the men's meeting and all the women withdrawing from the house and mostly again assembling at the hour of adjournment to transact the business of the meeting. The persons who sustained the former Clerk in his decision against the judgment of the meeting, with several women who were also disaffected towards Society, continued to hold what they call Monthly Meetings, and at Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, in the 11th month, they presented an account purporting to come from Swanzey Monthly Meeting, which was not received or in any way acknowledged. After the business of the Quarterly Meeting was concluded, these individuals, with a few from the other Monthly Meetings, both men and women, most of whom had for a length of time openly manifested a want of unity with Friends, remained in the house and called themselves Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, appointing Clerks and a Committee to visit subordinate meetings.—This Committee thus appointed has since visited the Monthly Meetings and attempted to sit in them and to be recognized as a Committee from the Quarterly Meeting, organized as we have described in a

wholly unprecedented and irregular manner. Most of them being already under dealing as offenders in their respective Monthly Meetings and refusing to leave Friends select, for the support of our Discipline adjournment has been resorted to in order to be freed from this intrusion. A few individuals have been found in each of the Monthly Meetings in Rhode-Island Quarter who, being disaffected towards the body of Friends, have, under the advisement of this Committee, united in forming what they denominate Monthly Meetings, assuming to themselves the names of those Meetings respectively.

Thus, dear friends, a division in Society has taken place within the limits of Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting; but we are comforted in being able to state that the great body of Friends remain united together, concerned for the support of the ancient principles, testimonies and discipline of our religious Society.

The *cause* of this schism we apprehend is to be found in a spirit of disaffection and desire for individual liberty that is not willing to submit to that necessary subordination, recognized in our Discipline, of inferior to superior meetings, and of each member to the body, which has ever been found essential to the welfare and preservation of our religious Society.

Attempts are strenuously made by the Separatists to fasten upon the Yearly Meeting, and those who do not unite with them, a charge of unsoundness in our fundamental principles—an accusation which we are fully assured is entirely unfounded in fact—as we have abundant evidence of the unabated concern of Friends to maintain inviolate the ancient doctrines and testimonies of our religious Society as professed and sustained by our worthy predecessors in the Truth; and to support our christian Discipline.

As a manifestation of the care of Friends to hold up to view those Gospel Truths which we do most solemnly believe and which have ever been received by us as a people, we would refer to divers documents that have been issued by the Yearly Meeting or Meeting for Sufferings within the past few years, in which Friends are exhorted not only to hold fast to those ancient and established principles and testimonies of our Society, but faithfully cautioned against giving any countenance to the receiving or spreading of unsound doctrines, either by reading or circulating books containing them or otherwise.—The documents to which we specially allude are a “Minute of the Yearly Meeting” in 1836—“An Epistle to the members of the Society of Friends of New-England Yearly Meeting from the Meeting for Sufferings” in 1838—the *Introduction* to the “Memorials of Deceased Friends” published in 1841, as well as the *Appendix* thereto, being a reprint of “The Testimony of the Society of Friends on the Continent of America”—and “An Essay on some of the prominent Doctrines and Testimonies of Friends,” issued by the Yearly Meeting in 1843.

These candid, full and explicit declarations, and the continued care that has been manifested by Friends individually to observe the recommendations contained in them, leave those without excuse who still persist in charging upon Society a dereliction from the principles of our predecessors in religious profession.

Efforts, we have cause to believe, are exerted in other Quarterly Meetings to extend the spirit of disaffection and to produce divisions among Friends—and these efforts are often masked under the very plausible pretext of a concern for the support of the ancient principles and testimonies of our religious Society. We feel it to be our duty affectionately to entreat and solemnly to warn Friends of being taken in the snare that is spread for them. Brethren—be not deceived. May the great Head of the Church in His mercy still condescend to watch over and direct us as individuals and as a body, that we may be preserved from falling.

In order that no embarrassment may be experienced by Friends in determining what Meetings are in unity with the Society we have appointed the following correspondents to act until the time of our next Yearly Meeting, by whom all documents issued by their respective meetings are to be signed, in addition to the usual signatures of the Clerks; and any paper purporting to come from either of those meetings, not signed by the appointed correspondent, should be deemed as spurious—viz.:

For Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting,	- - -	THOMAS HOWLAND.
For Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting,	- - -	JETHRO F. MITCHELL.
For Greenwich Monthly Meeting,	- - -	ROWLAND GREENE.
For Swanzey Monthly Meeting,	- - -	OLIVER EARLE.
For Providence Monthly Meeting,	- - -	SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings of New-England Yearly Meeting, held at Providence, by adjournment, the 6th of 12th month, 1844.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge
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5 mo. 30. 1845

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received the
Representatives therein named are

For Smithfield, Jonathan Coo, Thomas Grover, Robert Steew & Moses Kelly
Uxbridge, Paul Aldrich, Daniel Clapp, Edward Foster & Amasa Southwick
Richmond, Levi Wheeler & Samuel D. Allen
Bolton, James N. Fry & Moses Wheeler
all present except two - for one of whom a satisfactory reason was offered

The Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting (to whom that
service was referred) propose John Osborne for clerk & John Milton
Earle for Assistant clerk - which being united with they are
appointed to said service for the ensuing year -

The Series have been read in this Meeting & answers
therein from all our Mo. Meetings from which a summary has
been prepared which is directed to be forwarded to our Yearly
Meeting by our Representatives, Daniel Clapp, Joel Marsh,
James N. Fry, Moses Farnum, Benjamin Wheeler & John Osborne
who are desired to attend to their appointment & Report to our
next Quarterly Meeting -

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer
our proportion of Yearly Meeting's Stock

The committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account & for
other services made the following Report, which is accepted, & the sum
of \$30 - therein mentioned is concluded to be raised & our several
Mo. Meetings are desired to send the same to our Treasurer in
their usual proportions, & John Osborne is appointed Treasurer for
the ensuing year -

"We your Com^{ts} appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, Report
that we have attended to our appointment & find a balance in his hands
due the Meeting of \$64. 97 & propose raising the sum of \$30 -

We also propose John Osborne for Treasurer -

Smithfield 4 mo. 30. 1845

Luke Aldrich } Committee
Richard Batty }

Smithfield Monthly Meeting in their account say, "it has
appeared to this Meeting for some time past that an alteration in
the structure & arrangement of the Meeting house at this place, so as
more conveniently & comfortably to accommodate the Quarterly Meeting,

when held there, as also our Monthly & particular Meetings would be rejoined, and being more particularly considered at this time, it is concluded to refer the subject to our ensuing Quarterly Meeting for their consideration. The probable expense is estimated at about \$1000 - And it is expected that nearly all of it will be raised by subscription within the limits of this Monthly Meeting -

Which on being considered we appoint Paul Wing, Benjamin Wheeler, Edward Foster, Edward Earle, James A. Fry, Richard Sully, John Milton Earle & Simon Fowler a committee to examine the house & consider the proposed alterations, and if in their judgment it appears expedient & proper, they are directed to inform said Meeting accordingly, and they are then left at liberty to proceed in the work. And as the holding of the Monthly Meeting may be interrupted during the progress of the work, S. Meeting is authorised to conclude upon any place deemed by them suitable to hold their Meetings until the house shall be finished. The committee are desired to report in the 11. Mo. next -

Said Meeting also inform, they have directed their Treasurer to pay ours their proportion of Quarterly Meeting Stock -

Smashfield 12.

Wethday - 12

Richmond 2.25

Boston 3.75

} Quarterly }
} my Stock } John Osborne Clerk

30 Summary of the answers

Ans. 1. All our meetings for religious worship & Discipline have been attended except four, in two small meetings for the non attendance of which satisfactory reasons were assigned - And generally on first days by the greater part of our members - midweek meetings are more neglected by some - the hour is nearly observed - and friends are mostly clear of sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour when met.

Ans. 2. Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained. Detraction is pretty well guarded against - and there are no differences that we know of -

Ans. 3. There is a care among ^{things} to bring up those under their censure in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious books and corrupt conversation, yet more attention thereto is desirable - Friends are generally good examples themselves - The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in our families.

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Ans. 4. Friends are careful with very little exception to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors except for medicine the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort - And to keep in moderation and temperance on account of births, marriage, burials & on other occasions -

Ans. 5. The circumstances of the poor are inspected & their necessities relieved - Their children have been placed from among friends - one of them not under our control -

Ans. 6. Parents & heads of families with the young unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our Discipline -

Ans. 7. We believe our testimony is pretty well maintained as respects the several parts of this Query, except one instance of a military nature in which care has been taken -

Ans. 8. Friends are pretty careful with a few exceptions to inspect their affairs & settle their accounts - They endeavour to be punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts and are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances -

Ans. 9. Marriage Certificates are all recorded, births deaths & burials not all - A few instances have occurred of removals without certificates -

Ans. 10. A good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders as Quered - And judgment is placed where it appears necessary according to our Discipline -

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Bolton
8th month 14. 1845

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received the
Representatives therein named are

For Smithfield Ephraim Cox Rowland Hathorn & Shadrach Sturtevant
Uxbridge Edward Foster Paul Adams & Rev. Chap. J. Post Marshall
Richmond Levi Wheeler & Simeon Brewer
Bolton Josiah Babcock & Stephen S. Southwick

all present except two for the absence of one of which a satisfactory
reason was offered

The queries have been read in this meeting and the required
answers thereto from all our m^o. meetings

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report
they all attended except one for whose ^{non attendance} a satisfactory
reason was given — And presented the following extract
from the minutes thereof viz: N. E. Yearly Meeting held 6 mo.
1845 — It was concluded to raise 2000 Dollars for the service of
the ensuing year — which our several Quarterly Meetings are agreed
to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer in the usual
proportions — Smithfield Quarterly Meeting's proportion is 250
dollars.

from the minutes of S. Meeting

Wm. Shasman Jr. Clerk

by which it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meeting share
is 250 which our m^o. meetings are desired to pay to our Treasurer
in their usual proportions —

Smithfield m ^o . meetg	100
Uxbridge do	100
Richmond do	18.75
Bolton do	31.25
	250

Several copies of the Report of the Com^o. having charge of the
Boarding School at Providence have been rec^d. one of which was
read, they are directed to be sent to our m^o. meetings —
Also rec^d. several copies of a communication from our Yearly Meeting
appointing correspondents in our respective Quarterly & Monthly
Meetings copies thereof are directed to be sent to our respective
m^o. meetings. — Also rec^d. 500 copies of an Epistle
from our Yearly Meeting, one of which has been read to our
edification they are directed to be sent to our Monthly
meetings

About 300 copies of a Narrative of facts respecting the Separa-
tion and a declaration of N. E. Yearly Meeting upon various
Christian Doctrines have also been recd. and directed
sent to our M^o. meetings for distribution —

We have also recd an Extract from the Minutes of our Yearly
Meeting appointing a committee to visit subordinate meetings
and is as follow: Believing that in regard to the Separa-
-ion that has now taken place, the appointment of a com^t. is cal-
-led for to visit such subordinate meetings as may appear to
them to stand in need of assistance and to afford such
counsel and advice as in the meekness and wisdom of the
Truth they may be enabled to afford; and that they
should extend special care in the visiting of friends
in sustaining our Meetings in the different parts of the
Yearly Meeting according to our present organization. —

We appoint as a com^t. for these purposes our friends
Caleb Peck, Estes Newhall, Isaac Lawrence, Thomas Jones,
Moses Farnum, John Warren, John Q. Lang, David Douglas,
Thomas Anthony, Rowland Greene, George Howland, Samuel
Boyer, Daniel Clapp, Paul Taber, Allen Wing, Nathan
Hope, Nathan Orde & Lynn, Jonathan Cane, Timothy
Hanson, Benjamin Fay, Samuel Jones, Joseph Metcalf,
Stephen Jones Jr., David Buffum, Sam^l Taylor &
Abraham Russell, John Page & Abijah Johnson
to act therein on our behalf and report to this meeting
next year. —

The times & places of holding our several Quarterly
Meetings being specified in the Book of Discipline and
the circumstances existing in one or more of the Quarters
rendering it probable that a greater discretion to be
given such Quarterly meetings than is provided for in the
Discipline will promote the more satisfactory accomplish-
ment of the business thereof — it is our conclusion and
advice that for the year ensuing such Quarterly Meetings may
be at liberty to adjourn their meetings while at the speci-
fied times from the place now provided, to any other
place within the limits of such Quarterly meeting act-
ing therein in accordance with the advice of the
committee appointed at this time by the Yearly Meeting to
advise and assist such of our Subordinate Meetings.

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Uxbridge M^o. meeting in their account inform that the meeting house at Northbridge needs considerable repair, & appoint Rowland Lathum, Amasa Southwick, Amos Aldrich, Amos Aldrich², Paul Wing, Ira Kelly, James N. Fry, Simon Brewer, Benja^a Wheeler, Paul Aldrich & David Badcock, a com^t to examine the premises

and consider what, in their judgment, is necessary to be done in the case, and they are hereby authorized to procure executed whatever may thus appear to them necessary.

The com.^t appointed in the 5th month in reference to making alterations in the meeting house at Smithfield, not being ready to Report at this time the subject is continued under their care & to Report when the work is accomplished.

Uxbridge M^c. meeting inform they have devoted their Treasurer to pay ours their proportion of Quarterly & Yearly Meeting's Stock.

John Osborne clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Smithfield

2m^c. 12th 1846

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being received the Representatives their names are
To Smithfield Luke Adams Eli Kelly & Smith Patten
Uxbridge Daniel Clap, Edw. Foster, Paul Wing & Paul Adams
Richmond Simon Brewer & Samuel C. Allen
Pollon John E. Fry & Jervis Wheeler
all present except two.

The Queries were read in this meeting & answers thereto from all our Meetings.

Our beloved friend Reuben Jones attended the meeting with a certificate from Litchfield Monthly Meeting held 12m^c. 19th 1845. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Valentine J. Breader as companion to our friend Reuben Jones attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting dated 1m^c. 16. 1846. His company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of these minutes respectively.

The Present Representatives are desired to propose to our next meeting the names of Friends for clerk & assistant clerk, the time having expired for which they were appointed.

Our beloved friend Anna C. Wing attended this meeting with a minute from Rhode Island. Mr. Meeting dated 1^{mo}. 29. 1846 - Her company & religious services have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is desired to sign, with the clerk of our women's meeting, such minute as they may prepare.

John Osborne clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting off. held at Northbridge 5th mo. 14. 1846 - Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings

being rec. the Representatives therein named are - For Smithfield Smith Battey, Rowland Rathbun & Thomas Grover. Northbridge Amasa Southwick, Joseph Clap, Effingham Lapson & Polly Aldrich. Richmond Moses Allen & Simon Brewer. Bolton James N. Fry & Moses Wheeler all present.

The representatives to our last ^{meeting} propose John Osborne for Clerk & John Milton Earle for assistant clerk, which being united with by the meeting, they are appointed to said service for the ensuing year.

The queries have been read in this meeting and answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings from which a summary has been prepared which is desired to be sent to our Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives Rowland Rathbun & Moses Farnum & Amos Aldrich 2. Thomas Grover John Osborne James N. Fry Richard Battey & Edward Foster who are desired to attend to their appointment & Report to our next meeting.

Our Treasurer is desired to pay the Quarterly Meetings Treasurer our proportion of Quarterly Meetings stock.

Northbridge Mr. meeting in their act. inform that they have concurred with their women's meeting in the appointment of Polly Southwick to the station of an Elder, with which appointment this meeting unites, having the concurrence of our women's meeting & John Osborne is appointed to inform the Select Duty Meeting thereof.

Richard Bailey & Jonathan M. Thove are appointed a committee to settle the Treasurers account, propose a sum to be raised for the use of the Quarterly Meeting & nominate a Treasurer - And Report to our next meeting

Smithfield M. M. inform they have given direction to their Treasurer to pay to our Treas. their proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock
Richmond & Bolton Mulp to pay Yearly & Quarterly Meeting Stock

John Osborne clerk

Summary of answers

Ans. 1. All our meetings for religious worship & Discipline, with the exception of four small ones occasioned by extreme inclemency of weather, have been attended, and on the first day of the week, generally by the greater part of friends, mid-week meetings not so fully attended - The hour pretty well observed. A few friends frequently give way to sleep - Of other unbecoming behavior, pretty clear -

Ans. 2. Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us. Detraction is generally guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge, except in one instance noticed in the answer of one small Preparative Meeting -

Ans. 3. Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness; and to restrain them from ^{the} reading of pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation. They are generally exemplary in these respects themselves. And we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families -

Ans. 4. Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine: the unnecessary frequenting of taverns & places of public resort, and to observe moderation & temperance on account of births, marriages, burials and other occasions -

Ans. 5. The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved - One child placed out from among friends, not being under our control.

Ans. 6. Parents & heads of families with the young & unmarried are mostly careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

Ans. 7. Our testimony is pretty well maintained as respects this query, except one case of a minor's attending a military parade, which is under notice.

Ans. 8. Friends are mostly careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; they are generally punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts, & careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9. Marriage certificates are all recorded, births, deaths and burials not all. A few cases of removals without certificates.

Ans. 10. There is a good degree of care among friends to deal with offenders as grievous after, and to place judgment where it appears necessary according to discipline.

W. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Bolton
8th mo 13th 1846

Accounts from all our Mo. Meetings being received the representatives therein named are
W. Smithfield Rowland Rathbun Luke Aldrich & Lemuel Grover
Woburn (Dan. Clapp Jos. Marsh Effingham & Capron & John M. Earle
Richmond Levi Wheeler & Rufus Randall
Bolton Josiah Babcock & Stephen S. Southwick
all present.

The queries have been read in this meeting & the requisite answers sent from all our Mo. meetings.

This meeting rec^d. a considerable number of printed copies of the London Annual Epistle of 1845^{one} of which was read to our edification they are directed to be sent to our Mo. meetings for distribution. Also rec^d a few copies of the Report of the Com^t. having charge of the Boarding School at Providence together with the minutes of our last Quarterly Meeting respecting Schools. And also a number of copies of the Epistle of our last Quarterly Meeting to Subordinate meetings. On each was read & they directed to be sent to our Mo. meetings.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 14th to the 19th inclusive of the sixth month, 1846—

TO THE QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS.

Being again favored to meet in this our annual assembly, and to partake sweetly of the sustaining bread of life through the unmerited mercy of our Heavenly Father, who in condescending love has extended his wing of goodness over us, you, dear absent Friends, have been brought very feelingly before us, and we have felt concerned to salute you in the fellowship of the unchanging truth, and to endeavor to convey to you a little of the exercises of this Meeting, and of the comforts of which we have been at this time permitted to be partakers. We have been made renewedly to feel, and we crave that it may be abidingly impressed upon our hearts, that all our sure mercies come from God; that He alone can direct us aright, and that it is only as we are engaged to look unto Him, continuing steadfastly in watchfulness unto prayer, that we can witness preservation. Many are the evils that abound in the world—multiplied are the snares and temptations that surround us—and very fervent are our desires that, abiding in lowliness of mind, we may sit as at the feet of the blessed Saviour, waiting to hear the gracious words that proceed out of his mouth.

In the solemn and important engagement of investigating the state of Society as presented to us at this time, we have been, we trust, exercised before the Lord, and have witnessed his Spirit to be near us, under the influence of which his servants have been qualified to impart pertinent counsel and exhortation, which we desire may be productive of good. Under this engagement, parents were earnestly entreated to be faithful in the duty of attending all our religious meetings to offer unto our Heavenly Father the reasonable service of worship and praise, under a sense of our dependence upon Him; and they were impressively exhorted to be very careful to take their tender offspring with them; that as it pleaseth the Lord often to visit the minds of children in very early life, a lasting blessing might be received by them from this religious care of their parents. We were tenderly and impressively warned to guard against pernicious reading, in the various forms in which it abounds at the present day; not only of that reading which is of a light and frivolous character of a general nature, but also of that to which of later time we have been peculiarly exposed, and which is calculated to lessen our attachment to the Truth, and to prejudice our minds in relation to those who feel bound, under much suffering, faithfully to support it, and the precious testimonies and order of our religious Society. A living concern was felt that Friends might promote in their families the diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures with hearts turned unto Him who in the riches of his mercy was pleased to inspire his servants of old to write them, and who has preserved them for our instruction in righteousness unto the present day, and who condescends to open and apply their precious contents to the humble seeking mind. We were feelingly cited to our individual experience, when, in the day of our espousals, we were visited by the Spirit of the Lord, and in tenderness before Him we entered into holy covenant to serve Him, and were earnestly entreated to yield unreservedly to the requirements of truth, that He who has begun a good work in our hearts may carry it on until the day of Jesus Christ. The young were affectionately encouraged to look confidently unto the Lord for preservation and for strength, that in the end they may wear a crown of life.

And, dear young Friends, wherever situated, under the feelings of constraining love, you are now brought very near to us, and we are drawn fervently to exhort you to beware of the whisperings of our subtle foe, who would lead you to believe it may be allowable for you for the present to turn aside from the safe and narrow way to which in after time you can readily return, or who would insinuate that the self-denying path is too limited for you in the strength of your youth to walk in. He that thus speaks to you is a deceiver. The longer you deviate from this path, the more difficult will be your return—the harder the struggles through which you will have to pass if, happily, you are ever restored to the safe enclosure. Submit now in the morning of your days, we entreat you, to the circumscribing power of truth. An early sacrifice is acceptable unto the Lord; and you will witness, as you yield to the requirements of duty, that the yoke of Christ is easy and his burdens light—that the ways of wisdom are pleasantness and all her paths are peace.

Finally, dear Friends, of every age, may we be humbled under a sense of the goodness of our Heavenly Father—may we rejoice with trembling in contemplating the provisions of his mercy in Christ Jesus our Saviour. May we submit ourselves in simplicity unto the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the gift of the Father and the Son, and walking in the meekness of wisdom before men, show forth in all our lives and conversation that we are the humble followers of a meek and crucified Saviour.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Yearly Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*
HANNAH GOULD, JR., *Clerk.*

Also see the following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting by which it appears that our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock is 175 which our M^c. Meetings are directed to send to our Treasurer in their usual proportions viz:

Smithfield	\$70
Uxbridge	70
Richmond	13.12 1/2
Bolton	21.87 1/2

It was concluded to raise twenty five hundred Dollars for the service of this meeting for the ensuing year which our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to pay to David Buffum our Treasurer according to the apportionment established this year — Smithfield 200 Meetings proportion is 175 (7 per cent)

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Saml Boyd Tobey
clerk

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report they all attended except one, who was prevented by sickness in his family.

The com^t. to settle the Treasurers ac^t & for other purposes made the following ^{R. port} which was accepted and the sum of \$20 as therein mentioned was concluded to be raised for the service of this meeting and our M^c. Meetings are directed to pay the same to our Treas^r in their usual proportions and John Osborne is appointed Treas^r for the ensuing year

Smithfield	8
Uxbridge	8
Richmond	1.50
Bolton	2.50

(For the report see next page, omitted here thro mistake)

The com^t appointed in the 11th M^c. last to consider what repairs were necessary to be made on the Meeting house at Northbridge made the following report which is accepted and the sum of \$340.86 Dollars is directed to be forwarded by the several M^c. Meetings to our Treasurer in their usual proportions, and when in our Treasurer is directed to pay the same to the com^t having charge of making the repairs —

Smithfield	136.34 1/2
Uxbridge	136.34 1/2
Richmond	25.56 1/2
Bolton	42.60 1/2
	340.86

To the Quarterly Meeting —

We of your comt. appointed to consider what repairs &c
are necessary to be made on the Northbridge Meeting house &c,
that we have incassured to attend to the duties assigned us
The House has been clapboarded, the front new shingled
new Windows & Window frames, new Outside Doors &
painted with two coats of paint on the outside —
The expence of which is \$ 37.5, and as the shingling
the house was done before bringing the Subject to the
Quarterly Meeting we are of the opinion that Northbridge
M^c Meeting should pay that part of the expence am-
ounting to \$ 34.14 leaving a balance of \$ 340.86
for the Quarterly Meeting to pay.

Boston 8th 13. 1846

Rosland Rathbun
James N. Fry
Samuel Brewer
Benjamin Wheeler

Comt.

Northbridge M^c Meeting in their act inform that, in concurrence
with their Womans meeting, they have appointed Joseph Clapp
to the station of an Elder — after a time of deliberation
thereon it is concluded to refer the Subject to the further
consideration of our next Quarterly Meeting.

To Southgate Quarterly Meeting —

Your comt. appointed at our last Aug^y metg to settle the
messing amount &c report that one of the comt. has
attended to the appointment & finds a balance due the
Meeting of \$ 61.10 — and proposes raising the sum of 20
dollars for the use of the Quarterly Meeting the messing
year &c John Osborne for Treas.

Nov. 11th 1846

Richard Batley } comt.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Northbridge Nov. 12th 1846.

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being
received the Representatives therein named are
For Smithfield, Luke Aldrich, Asa Kelly, Saml. Batley
Uxbridge, Paul Wing, Edward Foster, Jos. Clapp, Wm. Hadwin
Richmond, Samuel D. Allen & Simon Brewer
Gotton, Saxter Fay, & Joseph Randall
all present except one

The Records have been read in this meeting & the agreed
answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings -

The subject from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting respecting
the appointment of Joseph Clapp to the station of an Elder,
as referred from our last Quarterly Meeting, to the further
consideration of this, has again claimed our deliberate attention
and is united with by this four women's meeting - and
John Osborne is appointed to inform the Select Quarterly
Meeting of the appointment -

Uxbridge M^c M^y in their account, introduce to the
consideration of this meeting the following subject -

On considering the same, we appoint Asa Kelly, John
Osborne, James N. Fry, Rowland Rathbun, Richard Batley,
Ply Aldrich, Moses Farnum, Saxter Fay, John E. Fry
Ephraim L. Capron, Paul Wing, Simon Brewer
& John Milton Earle, a committee to consider the
subject & when prepared therefor to report their sense
of the case to this meeting -

The subject of providing a suitable place for holding
the meetings of Friends at Worcester, coming under
consideration, it was concluded to refer the same to the
Quarterly Meeting for its advice & assistance therein -

Uxbridge M^c M^y inform they have directed their
Treasurer to pay ours their proportion of Yearly & Quarterly
Meeting Stock & of the repairs of Northbridge Meeting house

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Feb^r held at Smithfield
2nd 11th 1847

Accounts from all our Monthly Meetings being rec^d.
the representatives therein named are

For Smithfield George Read Asa Kelly & Smith Battey
Uxbridge Edward Foster Abner K. Sprague Paul Mainch & John Mainch
Richmond Rufus Randall & Samuel D. Allen
Bolton John E. Fry Josiah C. Babcock
all present but two.

The queries have been read in this meeting & the required
answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friend Edward Gore attended this meeting
with a minute from Scabrook M^c. meeting held at Epping
1st M^c. 7th 1847 His company & religious services have
been acceptable to us — And the clerk is directed to
furnish him with a copy of this minute.

This meeting rec^d. a considerable number of printed
copies of the London Yearly Meetings general Epistle of 1846
one of which was read to our edification — They are
directed to be sent to our M^c. m^c. for general distribution.

Uxbridge M^c. meeting inform they have paid their proportion
of the repairs of Northbridge Meeting house.

And Bolton M^c. meeting inform that they have given
direction to their Treasurer to pay ours their proportion
of said expense.

The present Representatives are desired to propose
to our next Quarterly Meeting the names of suitable friends
for Clerk & assistant Clerk to this meeting.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Northbridge 5th Bth 1847
Accounts from all our monthly Meetings being received the
Representatives therein named are for
Smithfield Thomas Grover Rowland Rathbun Smith Battey & Moses Kelly
Northbridge Amos K. Sprague, Amasa Southwick Edw. Earle & Edw. Foster
Richmond Simon Brewer & Samuel C. Allen
Boston James N. Fry & Ruben A. Wheeler.

All present.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting propose John
Estor for Clerk and John Melton Earle for a Assistant Clerk
to this meeting which being united with they are appointed
to said service for the ensuing year.

The Quires have been read in this meeting & answers thereto
from all our Monthly Meetings, from which a Summary has been
prepared which is directed to be sent to our Yearly Meeting by
our Representatives Edward Earle, Thomas Grover, Paul Melton, Edw.
Foster, John E. Fry & John Estor, who are desired to attend
to their appointment and report to our next Meeting.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the Yearly Meetings Treasurer
our proportion of Yearly Meetings stock.

A memorial concerning our beloved friend Alice
Rathbun deceased, prepared by a Smithfield Monthly Meeting
was read weightily considered and fully approved by the
and our Women's Meeting, and the Clerk directed to transmit
the same to our Meeting for suffrage.

Richard Battey Rowland Rathbun & Benjamin Wheeler
are appointed a Com^t to settle the Treasurer's account con-
clude upon a sum necessary to be raised for the service of
the Meeting and nominate a Treasurer & Report to our
next Qu^rly Mtg.

The Com^t appointed in the 11th month last respect-
ing the subject of providing a suitable place for holding Meetings
of Friends at Worcester made the following report viz^{to} the
Quarterly Meeting, your Com^t in relation to the subject of a meeting house
at Worcester having attended to our appointment report that Friends
at that place have ascertained that they can obtain by subscription
among themselves sufficient to provide a suitable lot worth \$1500
and the further amount of \$2000 towards building a house

on condition that the title of the property, for the purpose of
holding a friends meeting therein shall be conveyed to the
-bridge Monthly Meeting. We think well of having a committee
appointed by this meeting to advise & consult with Worcester
friends in relation to the concern as occasion may require
For the Comt. John Melton Earle

which being considered is accepted and the friends at Worcester
are left at liberty to proceed in the purchase of a lot of ground
and the erection of a suitable house to accommodate the Society
of friends in the holding of their meetings and Paul Wing,
Richard Batty John Osborne Effingham L. Capron Edward
Earle & John Melton Earle are appointed a comt. with
whom friends at Worcester may consult in relation to the
concern as occasions may require, and report to this meeting
when ready.

Smethfield M^c Meeting inform they have directed their Treas^r
to pay over their proportion of Yearly Meeting's Stock
Dotted both Yearly & Quarterly meetings, Stock

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, in the sixth month, 1847,—The Clerk was directed to forward the following Extracts from our Minutes to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, viz :—

The Committee to superintend our Boarding School at Providence, presented the following report, which was approved by this Meeting and directed to be forwarded to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, viz :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

The Committee appointed to have the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, report, that they have during the past year given attention to their appointment, and are encouraged to believe, that the Institution continues to be useful.

The average number of scholars has been eighty-five, viz : forty-two males and forty-three females.

Our friends Olney and Lydia Thompson, have acceptably served as Superintendents during the year ending with the last winter term; and Charles Atherton, Samuel Austin and Edward G. Hoag, have been engaged as teachers in the boys' school, and Mary Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier as teachers in that of the girls for the same time. Elizabeth Prosser has also been an assistant teacher in the girls' school during the winter term.

The Superintendents having expressed their desire to be released at the end of the last winter term, and the Committee believing that usefulness would arise from an arrangement which would unite with the general care and oversight of the Institution as Superintendents, that of taking the general government and direction of the schools, and imparting literary instruction therein, to such extent as may be consistent with the other duties of Superintendents, we have engaged our friends Silas Cornell and Sarah M. Cornell of Rochester, New York, to come into the Institution in that capacity, and assume those duties.

Charles Atherton, Edward G. Hoag, and Richard Dame, are engaged as assistant teachers in the boys' school, (the latter giving instruction in the languages,) and Gertrude E. Whittier and Sarah Alice Cornell, as assistant teachers in the girls' school, for a part or the whole of the present year.

As our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell could not consistently with their previous engagements, commence their connection with the Institution until the present time, the former Superintendents kindly consented to remain, temporarily, after their previous engagement expired—and the former arrangements in the schools have mostly been continued since the commencement of the present term.

The change of Superintendents and the arrangements with respect to the principal charge of the school is now about to take place; and the friends who have for several years occupied the station of Superintendents being about to leave, seems a fitting occasion to express for their encouragement, the satisfaction of the Committee with their labors.

These labors were increased during the latter part of the last year, by more than usual indisposition among the scholars.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the House, except during the vacations, and harmony has prevailed. On the days of Providence Preparative Meeting, the meetings at the school have been omitted, in accordance with the consent of the Yearly Meeting last year.

Examinations of the schools by the Committee, at the close of each term, have been made, as has been heretofore practised, and the deportment and proficiency of the scholars have been generally satisfactory, evincing a good degree of aptitude and diligence on the part of the pupils, and faithfulness on the part of the teachers.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled. By these accounts it appears, that the income of the school for the year ending with the last winter term, has been \$10,836 07, and the expenditures \$12,136 54; the expenditures having exceeded the receipts by the sum of \$1300 47. Seven hundred dollars of this excess, arises from the payment within the year of a demand against the Institution of several years standing.

The amount of expenditures exceeding the income, has been supplied from the balance on hand at the commencement of the year; and being deducted therefrom, leaves a balance on hand at the close of the last term, of \$1858 05.

We would propose that the price of board and tuition be continued the same as last year, viz : Thirty dollars per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, forty-five dollars for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for those of other Yearly Meetings, payable in advance—books and stationery being furnished as at present.

We would also propose, that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied, either at the next winter or succeeding summer term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting—the several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the 10th month, of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the summer term.

The Committee feel it right to express their belief, that there are advantages to be derived to the youth of our society at the school, which should serve as an encouragement to Friends to place their children there, that they may acquire a guarded religious education, free from many of the temptations to which they are necessarily exposed in more mixed schools, especially those over which Friends have little or no control.

And we would earnestly press upon Friends the importance to the society of a continued individual interest in the welfare of the Institution, in whose endowment and management such lively concern has been manifested by valuable Friends who are now gathered to their rest.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,
STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk.*

Providence, 6th month 1st, 1847.

Third day morning, the 15th. Friends convened pursuant to adjournment. The representatives being called, were all present.

The Meeting entered upon the investigation of the state of society by reading the Queries and Answers to them received at this time from our several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein as far as the 4th inclusive. During this important engagement we were sensibly solemnized in feeling together, and under the baptizing influence of Divine love, much pertinent counsel and advice were given by concerned brethren. We were impressively reminded of the paramount duty of meeting together for the worship of our Father in heaven, not only on first day of the week, but on other days when a greater sacrifice may seem to be required. We were admonished to remember the source from whence proceed all our blessings; that it is from God alone that we derive all that we are permitted to enjoy, whether spiritual or temporal; that it is in Him we live, and move, and have our being. We were exhorted to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, being concerned to provoke one another to love and good works, and not neglect the assembling of ourselves together. Much sympathy was manifested for Friends in lonely situations, where their meetings are very small; but they were earnestly exhorted to faithfulness in the attendance of them—that although they may be frequently held in silence, yet, as we are engaged to wait upon the Lord, they often prove seasons of refreshment. Concerned Friends were encouraged to labor faithfully with those who may be remiss in the discharge of this and other Christian duties, although it may be under a sense of much weakness; that, while they may feel their own unworthiness, they fail not to do what is required at their hands by the Head of the Church, by sinking below the gifts he has conferred upon them. Friends were encouraged to leave their worldly occupations, to close their places of business if needful, in order for the due attendance of our week-day meetings, under an awful sense that He, unto whom worship is due, may even curse our blessings. We were very impressively exhorted to watch the door of our lips, that we sin not with our tongues; that, under a sense of our own frailties, we cultivate charity towards others, and scrupulously avoid indulging in a spirit of detraction, which tends to our own poverty and the injury of our fellow men. We were reminded that, as God is love, and as his love has been so abundantly manifested to us, in that He gave his well beloved Son for us, that it is indeed incumbent upon us to love one another,

and to do good one unto another; and that they who have known this love shed abroad in their hearts, cannot fail to feel it flow unto others, producing a spirit of forgiveness towards those who have trespassed against us, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. The injunction of our Lord, of universal application, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," was very feelingly held up to view as the rule that should at all times govern us in our intercourse with our fellow men. The right training of our children was pertinently dwelt upon, and its necessity enforced as essential to their good, and to the discharge of the responsibility resting upon parents towards those whom our Heavenly Father has entrusted to our care. We were reminded that, by indulging in a mistaken tenderness, we were inflicting a serious injury upon our offspring; but that as we were engaged to exercise parental authority in love, it would prove a discipline to our children, by which they might be incited more carefully to heed the requirements of their Heavenly Parent; and habits of obedience be established which would be preserving in their future course of life. Finally, both parents and children were affectionately entreated to observe their respective relative duties, that thus they might witness the dew of Heaven to rest upon them.

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends again assembled.

The Meeting proceeded in the consideration of the state of Society, by reading the remaining answers to the queries. While thus engaged, we thankfully acknowledge that a precious, solemn covering was felt to be mercifully extended over us. A living concern was manifested for the preservation of our members from the reading of pernicious books, which are at this day so abundant in the world; and for their encouragement in the frequent, reverent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, in accordance with the continued concern of this Society since its first rise, and which was so eminently exhibited, practically, by our forefathers in the truth. We were affectionately reminded that they who are most carefully engaged to follow the direct and immediate leadings of the Spirit of Truth, most highly reverence and value these sacred writings, which were given forth by the same Spirit, and which have been so marvellously preserved, pure and unmutated, to the present day, and which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Parents were affectionately encouraged often to assemble their families for the purpose of reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, and in silent introversion of mind, and with prayerful hearts meditating thereon, that their precious contents may be opened to our understandings and blessed to us. We were entreated not to be taken in that snare of the enemy which is laid for us, by inducing us to neglect this practice from fear of being found in a lifeless formality in its maintenance; but that while we should guard, with godly jealousy, against this error on the one hand, we were impressively reminded that we might err on the other hand, and neglect the observance of those necessary practices which are essential to our Christian advancement, and which are in the ordering of Him who knows our necessities, and who has so abundantly provided for them.

A proposition contained in the report of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, relative to the expenses incurred by the Yearly Meeting, being brought into consideration, the subject is referred to the representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings, who are requested to report to a future sitting.

At a subsequent sitting, the representatives made the following report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting, viz:

The representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting in relation to the expenses of the Yearly Meeting, have conferred together thereon, and have come to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting the adoption of the following minute—the provisions of which

are the same as those of the minute made by the Meeting for Sufferings in the year 1830—and with only a slight alteration in the language to render its meaning more explicit, viz:—Such Friends as are of ability, who attend the Yearly Meeting, should bear their own expenses—but those who may not consider themselves able to do so, who reside north of a line from Boston, running west to the Connecticut River, be at liberty to avail themselves of such provision as may be made by this Meeting; and that Friends of the island of Nantucket, and the representatives from all the Quarterly Meetings, shall be included in the provision made for those north of the line above mentioned in the same circumstances.

On behalf of the Representatives,

STEPHEN A. CHASE.

Sixth month 16th, 1847.

Among the exercises which have been with us during our deliberations at this time, has been a concern for the consistent and upright maintenance by all our members of our testimony to the unchristian nature of all wars and fightings—a testimony in accordance with the belief and practice of the primitive followers of Christ. We are liable at this time to some peculiar temptations on this account. Our country is involved in war with a neighboring nation, and armies are contending in the field; and the testimony of the Scripture, that "every battle of the warrior is with confused noise and garments rolled in blood," is brought home to us by frequent intelligence from the scene of strife. We earnestly desire that all our dear friends may be mercifully preserved in a Christian frame of mind under these trying circumstances.

To the humble follower of Him whose kingdom is not of this world, but who, as a stranger and pilgrim here, is journeying towards another country, that is, a heavenly—how do the destruction and horrors of the field of battle, or the city made desolate by an encompassing foe, the tears of the widow and the cries of the orphan, fill his mind with sorrow! He can have no sentiment allied to rejoicing at scenes like these. His soul must be clothed with mourning and his spirit with lamentation, and his prayers will be, that that day may be hastened when the nations shall learn war no more.

Our dear friends are affectionately entreated to be careful how they expose themselves unnecessarily to temptations calculated to lead the mind from a right frame of thought on these subjects; or by mingling with those who take delight in such strife, become in any measure leavened into their spirit; that in all our intercourse with the world, we may manifest ourselves to be followers of Him whose advent was announced by the song of the heavenly host, of peace on earth and good will to men.

In contemplating the present war in which our country is engaged, its exceeding wickedness has been forcibly presented to us, not only in its direct consequences as a war, but in the principal object, which, as we believe, produced it, namely, the perpetuation and extension of slavery. We have been concerned that our members may keep ever before them the miseries and sinfulness inseparable from the practice of holding our fellow-men in bondage, and its utter inconsistency with the command of Christ, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them"; and that we fail not, faithfully, in the fear of the Lord, to bear our testimony against it, not feeling excused therefrom in consequence of its practical enactment not coming immediately before our view in this part of our land.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,

Clerk to the Meeting this year.

NOTE.—Benajah Buffum is appointed correspondent for Berwick Monthly Meeting, in place of John D. Lang, removed from within the limits of that Meeting.



